

OVERCOMER NOTES
The Increase Of God 2
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Love & Unity Among The Saints - The Increase Of God

Col 2:16

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Col 2:17

Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Col 2:18

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Col 2:19

And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

A strong and deep foundation of Love and a immeasurable outgrowth of unity
Being knitted together heart to heart by the Spirit of God.

The increase of God is to be displayed in the body of Christ.

God's intent is to fill the entire body of Christ with Himself.

So back to the Corinthians who wanted to place their preferred man of God on a pedal stool. Of course this misses the mark of God's intent to prepare the saints. They were concerned with Paul vs. Apollos.

Paul corrects them and said neither he that plants is anything nor he that waters but God gives the increase.

No man's carnality is to be glorified. No man's flesh is to be glorified
But It is Christ in you (the saints) to be glorified

Christ Glorified in The Saints - The Increase Of God

Col 1:26

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Perfecting Of The Saints - The Increase Of God

Eph 4:11

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

The discipleship mechanism to mature the saints is the five fold ministry composed of the Apostle, the Prophet, the Evangelist, the Pastor and Teacher. He did not say for the perfecting of the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor or Teacher. He said 'For the perfecting of the saints.'

The 'Saints' are where the Lord intends to Increase Himself.
This has to happen now!

Strengthened In The Inner Man - The Increase of God

Eph 3:16

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Eph 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Again, the LOVE of Christ is the groundwork of the increase of God
The foundation is Christ but what is grown or built on the foundation
should be the increase of God

Filled With The Fullness Of God - The Increase Of God

Eph 3:18

May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

The High Call - Increase Of God

Phl 3:12

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Phl 3:13

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Phl 3:14

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.