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I hope that reading this booklet will both excite and encourage you to seek out more of God's desires for your life. If you are genuinely hungry for more of God, I strongly recommend the reading of 'Eagles Fly High!' for the vital scriptural foundation and more detailed explanations offered. Includes some good jokes too! And what's more - it's free! Available, along with other materials, on the Order Form at the back of this booklet.

AN APPRECIATION

In life, we have many acquaintances but very few real friends, those always there to share in the ups and downs that life brings. My mate, Tony Richardson is such a friend. For the past 35 years Tony has stuck beside me through good times and bad, from university, through business success and failure, and now in the Lord's work.

We first met through church, when I was a 'churchian'. Tony then stood by me through my years of rebellion, and has helped and blessed me tremendously since I truly came to know the Lord. Now we find after all this time, that we share a mutual interest and excitement in what the Lord is doing in the church in these crucial days. Thank you mate. I honour you for the impact you have made upon my life.

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INTRODUCTION

I became acquainted with David Tait when he did the Word of Life Bible and Discipleship Training Course in our church in 1991. His wife Kathy had completed the study the previous year.

Our association grew into friendship and then in 1994 David and Kathy joined our church (Abundant Life Community Church, Tauranga). Since then they have continued to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have learned to be content, regardless of the state they are in, whether having much or little.

During this time David has experienced remarkable business success and then seen a complete reversal of those fortunes. However his giving nature has not been affected by his circumstances. His desire to bless others through what he has experienced is reflected in this book, 'Eagles Fly High!'

David has set out this book as a journey of his discovery of truth. He weaves this truth into practical illustration to help the reader identify with his walk in God. He has a unique ability to write about his relationship with God as seen in his everyday observations of himself and the environment around him. David's pragmatic approach to life is shown in the way he presents his stories in parable form (and for those who may struggle with the interpretation, he gives the meanings of the key symbols at the end of the story).

The central theme of 'Eagles Fly High!' is the scripture from Revelation 12:11 – "and they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death". This is a three-part process leading

to full maturity in the believer's life and can be paralleled with the three Feasts of the Lord – Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles, as well as the three areas of Moses' Tabernacle – the Outer Court, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.

David's desire is that all Christians understand and progress toward full salvation in Christ as revealed through these Old Testament pictures of New Testament truth.

I commend this book to you as a means of helping you to understand the journey in Christ that is before each one of us. May you be enthused and encouraged as you travel along the pathway that David maps out before you.

Mike Cullen
Senior Pastor

A WORD FROM DAVID.....

4 January 2001

Dear Reader

As might well be gathered from the Introduction, this booklet contains excerpts from my book 'Eagles Fly High!' This abbreviated mixture of poetry, prophecy, allegory, revelation of scripture, and maybe a little wisdom is, hopefully God inspired. To what level, you will need to be the judge!

These writings haven't merely been plucked out of the air, but are the logical result of a detailed study of the Tabernacle of Moses and the Feasts of the Lord, as presented in 'Eagles Fly High!' If this future excites you, I would strongly recommend you read the fuller version, for knowledge, prophecy and excitement need to be solidly based on The Word, to be real, relevant and reliable.

The developing Tabernacle Church is the logical fulfilment of the Church Age, the time between the first and second comings of Jesus, the age in which we live. The three-fold pattern of a triune (three part) God, is a common denominator throughout scripture, both in the New Testament and the Old. This was particularly brought home to me one day about 9 years ago. I was feeling pretty good with myself, having nearly finished reading through the whole Bible, being up to Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation. The Lord suddenly stopped me in my tracks at verse 11. "I want you to base your life and work for me around this verse," He told me, as clearly as I am now repeating it to you. The verse reads, "They overcame him (that is satan) by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and by the word of their testimony; (in the power of the Holy Spirit) they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." (through total submission to the Father's will) (Revelation 12:11)

While my first revelation was primarily at the level of the individual, as the years have developed He has shown me that this same truth applies equally to the corporate church. So the early New Testament Church was founded upon the cross of Jesus (Passover), was shortly thereafter filled with the power of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). Unfortunately, for whatever reason, it did not move on to the fulfilment of the Father's will (Tabernacles), declining instead to the spiritual misery of the Dark Ages. With the Reformation in the 16th century, the church started the long climb back towards where we are today. The truths of the Passover Lamb, Jesus, were re-established in the Traditional/Évangelical churches. In the 20th century the Pentecostal/Charismatic churches received a new outpouring of the power and revelation of the Holy Spirit. They have prepared the way for a group of people who are now so hungry for God that they are prepared to fully commit their lives to the will of the Father to finally usher in the Tabernacle church as the purified Bride of Christ, prepared for His return.

It is to this group of people who are prepared to commit 'their all' to Jesus, that this booklet is addressed. For the time has now come when the Lord is seeking not just a group of people who know Him, and have experienced his power and presence in their lives, but a people who are prepared to return themselves to Him. To walk, rather than to merely talk the Faith.

No, it is not a group of already perfect people, for none of us have made it yet - least of all me! But rather, a group that are prepared to submit their personal aims and ambitions to those of their Lord, so enabling Him to change us more into His image.

I have started this booklet with a poem that I trust reveals my heart and desires along with some of my imperfections – the booklet isn't long enough to incorporate them all! Then into the really important and exciting opportunities that have always been available to the individual believer, but are now starting to be reflected in what will become the glory of the Tabernacle Church Movement.
Do you wish to participate? I certainly do!

'TIS ME!

'Tis me, David John is the name,
Born for business to be my game.
For 30 odd years, I did give it a go,
Often successful, other times low.

Ten years ago now, it collapsed all around,
Misery in my life, did plentifully abound.
So I gave my heart to the Lord, you see,
For by now, I had come to the end of me.

In the time since then,
My God I have sought and fought,
In these years of ten,
He has of me, taught and caught!

He restored me in the business world.
At the same time, my desires He curled.
Now he has me writing this book,
I trust you find it worth the look.

David John is the one I would like to be,
A 'King David' with a heart after his God,
If only the Lord would say the same of me,
A real sinner, but still worthy of his nod.

The Apostle John too, has a special place,
In the shadow of Jesus, he did run his race.
Given revelation of our heavenly destiny,
Proved his love for Jesus was a reality.

Now when God gives you a book to write,
Should you show yourself in the best light?
Surely people, God won't want to offend,
Our image, it's all-important in the end.

But my friend, that is not my style,
Sweet savours, my readers to beguile.
To be honest, revealing warts and all,
For me, that has always been the call.

I'm far from being the perfect man,
If I were, God wouldn't need a plan.
Not needing to turn me around, into his image,
Life would be boring for Him, or so I envisage!

For spiritual gifts are given, as He does choose,
Yes, they are ours for life, them we never lose.
Even at times when our behaviour,
Does not do honour to the Saviour!

When I look at the television or stage,
And see the perfect person, strutting their stuff,
I begin to wonder, with the benefit of age,
Is it really God, or are they calling my bluff!

The fruit of the Spirit on the other hand,

Need to be worked at, with Him to stand.
Not just for a splendid hour on the podium,
But in all actions, we are to show no odium.

No, not all can be good looking, I'm certainly not!
But the fruit of the Spirit, we are to display the lot.
For it is in the life we lead from day to day,
The depth of our commitment, we'll display.

So when I come to read a book,
I always want to take a real look,
At the life of the person who pushes the pen,
What is he thinking, while writing in his den?

Now here you will find David's Musings,
Over which I have taken some 'abusings'!
Why are you focusing on yourself? Some do say,
Others, revealing yourself, a dangerous game to play!

But life is a journey my friend,
To be run out to the very end.
To see where I'm at, on the way through,
Will I trust, be of some benefit to you.

Now you may well not, be used to my style,
I have many faults, not just one in a while!
Have endeavoured to be as open as I can be,
What you see here, good and bad, it's reality!

I normally seek to build a logical case,
On which my conclusions, then to base.
So if at the start, you know you've heard it all before,
Don't give up! By the end, there's far more in store!

As you read through, you may notice some change,
Being young in the Lord, I am to give him full range,
So if you aren't too keen on the person you first meet,
Read on, by the end, you may find a new one to greet.

So now, that is a little of the story of my life,
For the full version, you need to ask the wife!
One day I hope we will meet in Heaven,
All our failings healed, no sin, no leaven!

David Tait: 28 January 2000

IN EXPLANATION: Each of these 21 features has been developed from Scripture, in particular the final two Feasts of the Lord. These were the reconciling Day of Atonement and the victorious Feast of Tabernacles. Their New Testament interpretations are primarily found in the Book of Hebrews. Full details are in 'Eagles Fly High!'

GOD'S OVERCOMING TABERNACLE CHURCH

RESTING IN THE RIVER OF GOD

A CHURCH OF DESTINY!

.....DELIVERY!

.....VICTORY!

SYMBOLICALLY DEPICTED AS

'THE RIVER OF GOD'

As Jesus is symbolically pictured by the Passover 'Cross', the Holy Spirit by the Pentecost 'Dove', God the Father is in turn depicted by the 'River of God' in Tabernacles.

The River of God symbolism represents

1. The Reconciliation of God with His purified church, washed clean, sanctified by the water of the Word.
2. The Anointing power of God acquired from resting in the River of Life, now to be used to reveal the glory of God to all the earth
3. Access to the very throne room of God, via the River of Life.

A CHURCH OF DESTINY of Final Reconciliation between Man and God.

To present to Jesus upon His return, a holy, blameless and radiant church, without stain, wrinkle or any other blemish, in a final act of reconciliation between God and Man.

A CHURCH OF DELIVERY of a People Willing and Able to Fulfil God's Purposes Upon the Earth.

A vibrant church, experiencing the truths of Atonement (Reconciliation with God) first fulfilled by Jesus upon the cross, now being lived out in His followers. These realities are:

1. Atonement as an Ongoing Experience:

a. Being Worked Out in our Lives: A process, not an event. Holiness, the practical application of Atonement, is obtained in greater measure the more we submit ourselves to the will of the Father. The greater the sacrifice of our own nature for the nature of Christ, the holier our lives will become.

b. Available to All Who Desire It: As with the experiences of Passover and Pentecost, the truths of the Tabernacle Feasts are available on an ongoing basis, to all those desiring to participate.

2. A Time of Rest:

Our rest, our reliance, is founded upon the Lord, seven days a week. Seven represents completeness, a finished work. So we are able to rest in the completed work of Jesus at all times. Rest cannot be earned by setting aside one day or through good works. Jesus has done it all.

3. A Time of Fasting:

Fasting is a very practical acknowledgement of our heart attitude to the Lord, shown through the temporary gift to Him of our most basic human instincts, food and sex. Fasting opens two way communication channels of both mind and spirit. Fasting is a regular, integral part of submission to God. Fasting is to become a pleasure, not an obligation.

4. A Time of Prayer:

Prayer is the very essence of our communication with God. To be a time of seeking a greater understanding of God's will. Our ultimate aim is to establish a two-way, 24 hour communication channel of prayer, so enabling us to react automatically to the Father's will in every situation. To be as one with Christ.

5. A Time of Humility:

a. Individual: An ongoing time of humility before the Lord, seeking His guidance and forgiveness.

b. Corporate: An increasing frequency and intensity in intercession, prayer and fasting in order to seek His will for His people.

6. A Time of Testing:

The Atonement experience is inevitably one of trial and testing. The cleansing and purifying of our soul; (defined as mind, emotions and will), our personality, our motivator, is at the very heart of Atonement. It is promised, He will not test us beyond what we can bear.

7. A Time of Worship:

Worship, along with prayer and intercession, is our entry ticket into the very presence of God. The Tabernacle church will see worship raised to new levels of intensity, as God's people become more and more desirous of entering into the Lord's glory.

8. A Time of Purity:

God's revelation and urgent requirement for the Tabernacle church, is personal and collective purity. Rather than merely seeking forgiveness for our sins through the blood, the very source of sin in our lives is to be washed clean by the water of purification. Placing a new emphasis on the prevention of sin in our lives.

9. A Time of Righteousness:

Putting aside personal desires for excess possessions, pride of position, physical comfort and pleasure, in order to live righteous lives before God. God and His desires are to predominate in our lives.

10. New Ministry Roles For the Church:

The Tabernacle church is to fulfil new roles as part of its end-time assignment.

A. Present Roles:

- a. Reconciliation to the Father: Through an emphasis on both individual and corporate repentance.
- b. To Subdue Satan: To be proactive in Spiritual Warfare, in order that Satan's kingdom might be defeated.
- c. Ministry of Forgiveness: That sins might be forgiven on earth, rather than being judged by God later.
- d. Bearing the World's Insults of Christ: As Christ's representatives in the world.
- e. Disseminating the Power of the Tabernacle Truths: To the rest of the Church and to the world, primarily by example, but also in teaching.

B. Future Roles:

- a. To Subdue Satan and His Angels: When they are cast down to earth in the last days.
- b. The final Separation of Church and World: To separate the church from the world in the final days.
- c. The Ultimate Goal: To be presented with Christ before the Father, a perfect bride without spot or blemish.

11. A Unified Church:

A unified church, to be presented with Christ before the Father's throne. This unity is one of purpose, not of yet another denomination. The Tabernacle church is a movement of people within God's various churches, seeking to apply the greater truths the Tabernacle Feasts reveal. It is a movement that will grow, indeed is already growing, from the ground up, as individuals are convicted by the Holy Spirit to apply these truths to their lives. It cannot be imposed upon people from the top down - either individually or as a group - for a personal, 100% commitment is required to participate.

12. A Call to Perseverance:

The attainment of these goals seems impossible to the human mind. This is but an ungodly human mindset that we have to work through. For nothing is impossible in God. The writer of the book of Hebrews recognised this, constantly emphasising the need to persevere in our faith. While we will fail from time to time, these principles are being established within us on a progressive basis. We do not attain holiness or perfection in the twinkling of an eye. It is a process in which we must persevere, for the desired results to be attained.

13. A Call to Godly Living:

Tabernacle Principles are not merely another good Christian Doctrine, but a call to the individual, and the church, to godly living. Our life is a witness to the truth. Tabernacle truths can only be fully understood and entered into, through participation. Those who don't desire to participate will dismiss them as foolishness. Such has been the way of the Church throughout the ages.

14. A Hatred of Sin:

The Tabernacle church will illuminate the difference between right and wrong. 'Near

enough is no longer good enough'. Believers are to live a life of righteousness. Sin is to be hated, firstly in us, then in other believers. Sin's awful nature will cause the Tabernacle Church to become more proactive in leading others to Christ. For the consequences of unforgiven sin are frightening. As we become more conscious of doing God's will, so the incidence of sin in our life reduces.

15. A Fear of God:

As we get closer to the Lord, a greater awareness of His awesome majesty, might, power and presence fills our lives. We become more aware of the dreadful consequences of falling under the judgement of the living God, so developing a 'Holy Fear' within us.

A CHURCH OF VICTORY

Reflecting God's Glory upon the Earth.

The Tabernacle church is to become the victorious church, reflecting the glory of God upon the earth, as prophetically illustrated in the joyous Feast of Tabernacles itself. These victorious reflections include:

16. An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

Such as has never been experienced in history! As the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the earth in abundance for a short time at the end of the age, signs, wonders, miracles and healings will form a natural part of the Tabernacle church. Christ however, will make these supernatural abilities available only to those who have proven themselves trustworthy, through obedience to the will of the Father. Otherwise chaos would reign!

17. The Time of Final Harvest:

The final and greatest harvest, as promised throughout the Bible and looked forward to by most believers. The Holy Spirit will do a quick work in people's lives. Churches will overflow with new believers, each one needing to be discipled and trained in the ways of the Lord. All Bible Believing churches will experience rapid growth. For some will be saved into the truths of Passover, others into those of Pentecost, while still others will proceed rapidly into Tabernacles. There will also be a great movement amongst present believers, as the Holy Spirit convicts many to seek further truths, to increase their level of commitment to their Saviour and Lord. However, there are many that resist change. Sadly, they will be highly resentful of the new 'spiritual upstarts', those prepared to make the required sacrifices to move into a deeper relationship with God. Deeper levels than they are prepared to commit to. Much opposition will come from this group.

18. A New Concept of Church:

The Tabernacle church will not regard itself as a 'church' of the type we know today. It will not be just another denomination meeting in a building, separated from others, celebrating the truths that have been revealed to it. For Tabernacle church followers will regard their bodies as temporary dwellings, to be lived in but for a time, while eagerly awaiting the receipt of their eternal, heavenly bodies. This concept of 'temporaryness', with its focus on what is ahead, will result in a distinct lack of interest in permanent church organisational structures and buildings. For they know that the return of Christ is near. 'Tabernaclers' will be motivated to work within existing churches, seeking to lead others into the Tabernacle experience, while promoting unity in God's will amongst all churches. Barriers between churches will lessen as groups of like-minded people develop and mature within the various denominations. Denominational barriers will become of increasingly less significance as more and more attention is focused upon preparing for and eagerly awaiting, the Lord's return.

19. Aspiring to Perfection in Christ:

A church focused upon and fully committed to its ultimate destiny – to be the perfect Bride of Christ. This is not possible by human effort, attainable only through the complete submission of our wills to that of the Father. To become like Christ - for His will was totally submitted to His Father. An 'idealistic impossibility' when considered from the viewpoint of current experience, but attainable in the future through absorbing the principles of Atonement, in being healed by the power of the anointing of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It simply has to be possible, in order that the word of God may be finally fulfilled.

20. Total Sacrifice:

A people totally committed to seeking and living by the will of the Father, as reflected in the example of Jesus; even unto death, if required; washed clean by the water of the Word as well as saved by the blood of the Lamb; to be pure, as well as forgiven.

21. Eagerly Awaiting the Return of Christ:

The major motivation in life will be to be personally prepared, and to help others prepare, for the triumphant return of Christ, in total victory over the final barrier separating man from God – death. Hallelujah!

A MATTER OF TIME

As emphasised throughout, the attainment of these objectives is a process, not an event. For as the Holy Spirit convicts us, in new areas in our lives, so He guides us closer and closer to the scriptural ideal. We are not to be discouraged when we fail. We all fail, for not one of us has yet been made perfect. But if we diligently apply these principles to our lives, through the saving grace of Jesus, in the full power of the Holy Spirit, and in submission to the will of the Father, to the very best of our ability, changes will occur. For the Lord sees and honours our true heart. As we surrender to Him, so He teaches trains and encourages us in the application of His ways to our lives.

For the sacrifice of Atonement must be built into the heart of our very beings. Then we will be able to celebrate the victory, power and wonder of the Feast of Tabernacles. As individuals and the church, we will not experience the glory of the promise of Tabernacles until we have built God's Tabernacle within us. Glory follows, not precedes sacrifice! "My people, prepare yourselves," is the Lord's heart cry.

Each one of us can make a start today. Final revival, the end-time harvest, the glory of God being manifested in the church, is dependent upon the sacrifice of our lives to Him, not upon an 'easy miracle' from the heavenlies. For God's Tabernacle is being built in each of us. His collective glory will shine forth as His Tabernacle builds within each one. For Tabernacles is an individual, not a corporate experience. But God's glory will be greatly magnified by the collective witness of His Tabernacle church movement.

Let us then, get ready today for the victorious return of the Lord Jesus to collect his perfect bride, in accordance with the pattern established in the Tabernacle Feasts.

NOT THE FINAL WORD

Revelation, like the development of Christ in us, is an ongoing process, not a single event. It is the perfectly natural desire of every person with an apostolic or prophetic gifting, to receive brand new, supernatural, life and church changing revelation from God. Unfortunately when such revelation comes, it frequently leads to spiritual pride, accompanied by the belief that 'their word' (God's really!) is the final and ultimate word of God. God's next revelation has then to be given to someone else!

Naturally, being human, I would like to believe that there is some element of revelation in what has been written here concerning the development of God's end-time Tabernacle church movement. However it is neither all new revelation, nor the final word. The teaching on which these premises are based has been progressively revealed to many within the church over the past 50 years or so. While this has not yet all become mainstream Christian theology, bit by bit, piece by piece, these truths are gradually being absorbed into the wider church. For change and revelation in God's order, as in the exploration of a new country, is first carried out by a few pioneers, before being settled by the mass of its inhabitants.

As individuals, God takes our natural talents and breaks them down, before rebuilding them in His will, rather than our own. He does not make us 'Christian Clones', according to the human ideals of any one person or

group. For we all have individual, God given personalities, each uniquely incorporating differing strengths and weaknesses. God will use our strengths, once they are submitted to him, while at the same time strengthening us in our areas of weakness, to making us better all-round people in Him. My three natural talents happen to be in the areas of envisioning the future, putting things into perspective, and explaining complex issues in a simple way. These are likely to be reflected here. I have many weaknesses. He is still working upon these!

Because we are human, every revelation contains elements of both God and the writer. This is no exception! I have tried my very hardest to ensure that as much as possible is of God, and as little as possible of David. This picture of the Tabernacle church movement has been carefully composed scripture upon scripture, word upon word, to line up, to the best of my ability, with God's word as developed in 'The First and Last Word.' You need to be the judge of my success or failure in this regard.

Finally, this is not the final word! (I can see David in that!) It is an attempt to provide a framework which others, more spiritual and knowledgeable than I, will be able to amend, expand and enhance. As time marches on, God continues to reveal more and more of his nature to us. But it won't be until the glorious day of His return that all will be revealed. Then He will have the final word! For the final 'Word' is indeed Jesus. To Him be all the honour and glory. Amen.

A GLIMPSE AT ONE MAN'S VISION FOR THE TABERNACLE CHURCH MOVEMENT

WALKING WITH JESUS

Before considering the vision, a brief understanding of the historical background of God's dealings with His people would be useful.

THE TABERNACLE CHURCH MOVEMENT BACKGROUND

Our God is a triune (three-part) being whose overriding desire has always been to restore relationship with His disobedient creation, mankind. He has approached this task in a logical, consistent way, the pattern of which is revealed throughout scripture. A pattern initially revealed when he set up His first church on earth, when the Israelites miraculously escaped from Egypt in c. 1446BC, nearly three and a half thousand years ago. As the heavenly architect, God provided Moses with highly detailed plans for the first church building (Tabernacle of Moses). At the same time Moses received instructions for its operation (the Law). God's earthly representatives were appointed (the Priesthood), and the annual religious celebrations to be observed by His people were detailed. (The Feasts of the Lord - Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles.). God's plan of reconciliation is disclosed in all four, but is most clearly seen in the layout and furniture of Moses Tabernacle (an earthly type of Heaven), and through the religious festivals, the Feasts of the Lord, that the Israelites were to observe. This was the Old Covenant (Testament) church.

Nearly 1500 years later, this Old Covenant, based on the Law, was replaced by the superior New Covenant (Testament), based on grace. It was and is made available through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through his death, Jesus fulfilled the pattern of the Feast of Passover. The 'new' New Testament Church was established on the Day of Pentecost, fulfilling the pattern of the Feast of Pentecost. That left only the three-part Feast of

Tabernacles as the remaining Feast to be fulfilled. The fulfilment of the Tabernacle Feasts, in accordance with God's pattern, is the honour, privilege and responsibility of the end-time church, for these feasts represented the final celebration and high point of the Jewish religious calendar. This task is the responsibility of the Tabernacle church movement, soon to culminate in the final reconciliation of man with God when Jesus returns to rule and reign upon the earth for 1000 years.

The development of the New Testament Church, a church now including all believers in Jesus, Jew and non-Jew, has many similarities to that of the Old Testament Church. As illustrated through the Israelites' journey to claim the Promised Land. The peoples' release from Egypt (Passover) was quickly followed by the giving of God's Covenant at Mount Sinai (Pentecost). Following this, through general disobedience, provision of the Promised Land was delayed for forty years, time for a generation to die in the desert. Possession of the Promised Land itself took more than 400 years, from crossing the River Jordan under Joshua, until final fulfilment under King Solomon (Tabernacles).

Similarly the New Testament pattern saw the crucifixion of Jesus (Passover) followed 50 days later, by the release of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). After a time of growth the church went into a long period of decline during the aptly named Dark Ages. Since the Reformation of the 16th Century, the Church has gradually been restored.

The Traditional/Evangelical Churches first embraced again the Passover truth, that of salvation through the blood of Jesus. In the 20th century the Pentecostal/Charismatic Church embraced the Holy Spirit truth of Pentecost.

Now, the pattern of Tabernacles is starting to emerge within the Church. Since the 1950's, there has been a 'Trumpet Call' to action, during which time the Lord has revealed many more truths from His Word, including revelation of the importance of Moses Tabernacle and the Feasts of the Lord. This call is right now gradually being heeded as people, around the world, are beginning to apply 'Day of Atonement' principles of repentance, holiness and submission of personal goals and ambitions to the will of the Father Himself to their lives. The outworking of this is to be the promised, glorious end-time Tabernacle church movement, in fulfilment of the 'Feast of Tabernacles' itself.

Detailed scriptural principles upon which this is founded are contained in 'The First and Last Word'. This vision or dream, (confused as to whether I am a young or old man!), is an attempt to bring the facts to life. Adding flesh to the bones, putting forward one man's view of the development of God's plan of reconciliation, to be fulfilled through the Tabernacle church movement. It is a vision, it is a dream, but one firmly based up on the reality of the Word.

A CHURCH OF DESTINY.....

Of Final Reconciliation between Man and God.

To present to Jesus upon His return, a holy, blameless and radiant church, without stain, wrinkle or any other blemish, in a final act of reconciliation between God and Man.

SHARING THE VISION

The clock ticks irresistibly on towards midnight on 31 December 1999. There is, particularly in New Zealand, the first to experience the awakening of the new millennium, a sense of keen anticipation of the future, muted by the fear of possible consequences of the Y2K computer bug. The clock strikes 12! The lights stay on! The fearsome Y2K bug has forgotten to hatch. The hours on the time clock of life tick relentlessly onwards.....8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, ... The new day, the New Year, the New Century, the New Millennium. No miracle hangover cure – for the head from the party the night before, or for the ongoing challenges of living. One century blends smoothly into the next. Or does it?

For the world so it seems. The pace of life continues to accelerate, people striving ever harder, reaching out to grasp those worldly ways of satisfaction that always remain, tantalisingly, just out of reach.

For most of the church too, there has been little change. Billboards outside the churches have cleverly adjusted their traditional salvation message by two words, from "Last Chance of Salvation in the Old Millennium" to "First Chance of Salvation in the New Millennium." Inside of people's hearts, the change has been even less dramatic. For the Christian life cycle grinds on, some enthusiastic, most content to go with the flow, always a few unfortunates departing, dejected, rejected.

During the past few months, while travelling around the country, I have listened to lots of cassette tapes, many now 20-30 years old, sounding out the 'trumpet call' of awakening to the church. Maybe you have heard them too. Calls to put our lives in order. Calls to prepare for the greatest revival of all times. And what have we done about it? Generally nothing! How disillusioned many of the 'trumpeters' must be, as the people have said, "That's nice," before carrying on with life as normal. Some have heard the call in their minds, others have even believed it in their hearts, but very few have been prepared to do something about it, to submit their wills and desires to those of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Until recently, that is. For there is now a gentle stirring amongst a few of God's people. As the first puff of wind causes a gentle ripple to run upon a mirror-like sea, so the Spirit of God is starting to move in people's hearts. In ever increasing numbers, Christians are being convicted of the sin that remains in our lives, sin that separates us from the full love of God. Sin that surely as night follows day, prevents us from fully walking in His ways. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is convicting you as He is convicting me. Convicting us both to do something about it. Yes, a hatred of the sin in our lives

is building within. Compromise is becoming less of an option than in the past. Black is black, grey is black however light the shade of grey might be. Only white is white. A greater desire to please the Father is being instilled within by the Holy Spirit; a desire to become more like Jesus, to do the perfect will of the Father as He did. "Lord, I am available. Please, please, use me!" is the increasingly harmonised cry of more and more hearts, a cry reaching out into the heavens. The chorus the Lord has been waiting for, the cry that so gladdens His heart. Reverberating chords of worship greet our King of Kings, followed by the soft sound of surrender to our Lord of Lords.

For a new sound is being heard amongst God's people. Whispers here, heart cries there. Cries of repentance. Cries of passion! Cries of a people awakened by the gentle puffs of Holy Spirit wind. Cries of desire for more of God. Cries of intercession. Cries of worship. Cries of intimacy. Cries of submission. Cries of commitment. Promises of obedience to the will of the Lord.

For a new generation is stirring amongst God's people. An impassioned, committed generation, desperately hungry for God. A new generation totally committed to righteous living. A new generation committed to the growth of the whole body of Christ. Dedicated to spreading God's word amongst all people. Committed to defeating the forces of evil upon the earth. Earnestly desiring to fulfil God's will. A new generation committed to becoming the perfect bride of Christ. A new generation, now eagerly waiting upon Jesus' return. A new generation is arising, of both young and old. One called by the Spirit of the Great High God. A new, overcoming generation who will "not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." (Revelation 12:11) A new generation, one willing to pay the price of total commitment.

A new generation is arising within the body, convicted by the Holy Spirit to be the start of the final end-time move of God. Not all are so called. But it is the highest calling God has for this generation. Salvation and the empowering of the Holy Spirit are free gifts from God. Obedience on the other hand, is our gift back to God, through which He empowers us to fulfil His purposes. By its very nature, obedience has to be an individual commitment of our individual will. It comes from within. The Spirit of God initiates it. It is not of man, not of preacher, evangelist or pastor. It is our personal response to all that our God has done for us. It is a God inspired, personal response.

The Tabernacle church movement will not separate itself from the body to become just another denomination. For unity in God is at its very core. Units of God's Tabernacle Army will grow within existing churches, dedicated to doing God's will within the Body of Christ. For as individuals within churches grow in commitment to the Lord's will, so will unity permeate the Body. The 'unified end-time church' is neither a single world church nor a 'superior' denomination. Rather a unity of purpose amongst people in churches fulfilling the will of God. For as individuals get closer to God, so His will inevitably will be better expressed through His Body, the Church. Denominational walls are starting to crumble, as we become more in tune with our Master and Lord.

Inevitably, there will be opposition amongst some, indeed many, to this new move of God's Spirit. For there have always been individuals and churches content to remain at differing levels of truth. 'Tabernaclers' will recognise this, choosing to love those who criticise, for all form part of the one Body of Christ. The poisoned barbs thrown by those who have been at the forefront of previous moves of God, but who reject this one, will hurt the

most. On the other hand, criticism from the 'worldly religious church' will be easily recognisable and dealt with for what it is.

There will be a 'quick work' too, amongst those the Holy Spirit convicts. People will rapidly rise to new levels of understanding and capacity through commitment, to the envy of those older Christians who have placed limitations upon their faith. For these believers will rapidly absorb the eternal truths of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. Receiving the blood of forgiveness of Jesus, submitting to the fire of purification and testing of the Spirit, being perfected by the washing of the water of obedience to the Father's Will, in a way not previously experienced.

A commitment founded upon repentance. A hunger to get right with our God. An intensely personal repentance, an ongoing process of 'Atonement', a thorough cleansing providing the foundation upon which Christ can rebuild us into His image.

For repentance is an ongoing process, as the Lord reveals, layer upon layer, areas in our lives that need to be changed in order to fulfil his will. Yes, sin is present in attitudes as well as actions. Dealing with ingrained attitudes, firmly entrenched at the very core of our personality, is required of the 'Tabernacler.' Often so much a part of us that we cannot see them! So we must be prepared to let the Holy Spirit reveal them, allowing Him to change us as He turns up the heat in our life until we finally let go of our once 'sacred cows.' This process, normally so painful and time consuming is speeding up, as 'Atonement' impresses itself more deeply upon us. As we desire to be 'at one' with our God.

Change through repentance, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, is at the heart of this final Tabernacle experience of worldwide revival. We are now experiencing the 'latter rains'. Less than the 'early rains' of early New Testament times, but so welcome after the centuries long drought of the Dark Ages. Now we're eagerly sensing the imminent arrival of the final harvest, the fulfilment of the joyous Feast of Tabernacles, the time of God's glory being powerfully reflected throughout the earth.

Before this though, we must put aside our half-hearted ways, the greyness of our past. Meeting with our God in Atonement, in whole-hearted (and bodied!) praise and worship, prayer, fasting and intercession. Enduring the fire of testing in humility and righteousness, living pure and holy lives. Letting His awesome majesty, might, power and presence fill our whole beings. This is our entry ticket to the Feast itself.

Yes, Tabernacles is first and foremost a joyous celebration of the fruit harvest. The sweetest to the taste buds. Celebrating the harvest of the choicest crops. Far more rejoicing than there was for the basic but necessary commodity crops of barley and wheat. For now has come the tantalising taste sensation of the fruit of the land. Yes, the glory of the Lord will shine through those prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to join His Tabernacle Army, the final glorious, mouth watering fruit harvest of those who have fully submitted their wills to Him.

The signs, wonders and miracles of Jesus, as experienced in the early church will again flow through those who have paid the entry price to the overcoming Tabernacles company, only in much greater number. For God only gives power to those He can truly trust, those fully submitted to His will. Otherwise there would be chaos! To be trusted with miracles we have first to pay the price of obedience. The glory of the Lord shines through those prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to join His Tabernacle Army, the final magnificent fruit harvest, those who have fully submitted their will to Him.

Tabernacles also celebrates the final harvest of mankind, when multitudes upon multitudes come to Christ right across the world. For as Tabernaclers reflect the glory of the Lord in their lives, many others will be attracted to their light. Some will come in as barley, some as wheat, while others will hunger for the delights of the fruit of Tabernacles. The much awaited end time harvest will happen when individual Christians and the Church radiate the light and purity of Jesus. God's plan is perfect. He will not move before His church is ready to gather the harvest. For if the storehouse leaks and is infested with rats, the harvest will be spoiled, as it has been so often in the past.

The pattern of Tabernacles cannot and will not be fulfilled until His people and Church are fully prepared. Are we ready?

THE VISION STOPPED!

How I would love to move on further – to be able to see right into the future, to have God reveal the full glory of the Feast of Tabernacles that is to be experienced by His people. To be the prophet of prophets, to have all the answers about what the future holds. In my human nature, that is! To be honest, when I started writing, that is what in my heart of hearts, I hoped for. But it is not to be for I will not make it up in my imagination.

But wait, the Lord is clearly showing me as I write that that knowledge is not for now. We need have no concern for the future if we fully follow His ways today. To the extent we are prepared to submit to His purposes, He guarantees to guide us through the promised trials and tribulations of the days ahead. We are not to concern ourselves with things we cannot affect or influence. For God's will, will be done.

"Listen my people," says the Lord. "My judgement is coming soon. For my will, my perfect will is being done on earth as it is in heaven. Prepare yourselves my people, gird your loins for the battle. Put on the armour I have provided for you. For the days of this age are drawing to a close. Prepare yourselves for the battle my people. For, to the extent you have prepared yourselves through submission to my will for you, so I will in turn protect you. Prepare yourselves now my people and I will give you a white stone, the admission ticket to my Glorious Feast. Do not delay, for as you can see my Spirit is already moving to separate the wheat from the chaff, the tares from the wheat. Do not worry about the troubles of the world my people, for they will receive my justice if they do not repent of their wicked ways. Do not neglect your salvation, for I am a righteous God and I am seeking a righteous people. Repent. Make your way right with me, with your brothers and all those you have offended. For I require it of you. Prepare yourselves the way of the Lord, for I am soon coming in might, power and majesty, as I have promised in my Word. There is nothing to fear for those who are fully submitted to me. But beware of lukewarmness, for I will spit you out of my mouth as surely as the night follows the day.

Listen to me my people, while there is still time. For I your God am a righteous God, slow to anger and just in my ways. But the day of the wrath of my judgement is very near. Come to me my people, come to me and I will protect you from my righteous fury against an unrepentant, self-centred people.

For I love my own and will see that you come to no harm. Rest in me; bathe yourselves in my love and tender care, for I am your Father who cares for you. I have marvellous things for you, things that you cannot even envisage, as my plans unfold for the end of the age.'

"For I am returning for my perfect bride, clothed in white linen, to dwell with me forever. Be part of my bride, my people, for although the cost is great, the rewards are unsurpassable. I Jesus, will be with you soon."

Well, what more can I say! The Lord works in ways that man cannot comprehend. He leads us. We merely need to be available.

For we are living in days of 'Atonement'. Days when we desperately need to get ourselves right with God, our Christian brothers and sisters, and all others we have offended during our lives. It's not easy. I know that! You know that too! But it is necessary if we are to enter into all that God has for us. Yes, the message for this time is to submit to the will of the Father for our lives. To be 100% sold out to our God. To be a part of His overcoming Tabernacle Army. To be as one with Jesus.

As mentioned above, before receiving the word from the Lord, I don't know precisely how the Lord will outwork His Tabernacle church movement. However He has graciously given me some words in prophetic, allegorical and poetic form, along with some practical application of His Word and observations on the direction of prayer and intercession. I trust you may find these helpful in gaining an insight into the exciting future that awaits all who are obedient to His will.