

## The Faithful City

1 Cor 3:10 — If He is the foundation we are the living stones. To recognize Messiah Yahshua is to also recognize us (His Body) and our Father's plan for "us in Him and He in us" — the corporate Body of Messiah for the whole universe — and why each one of us was chosen (Jn 14:20-21; 17:23; Gal 3:26-29). For we will be of little use to our Father if we know only salvation and have not caught a glimpse of the purpose we were saved for (1 Cor 2:9-10), bringing us into a relationship with His Son (Jn 6:44), bringing many sons to glory, His universal reign.

How many of us claim to see (Jn 9:41; 1 Jn 2:4) and to be under His Spirit's anointing, yet seem quite unaware that the objective for which the Spirit is given to Messiah and to His members is one and the same, directed to the one and same end and ultimate purpose?

To see this is to see the futility of our past life in the world, the insignificance of all our work, plans, hopes, and dreams, our ambitions in the past. The Body we are a part of is not merely a company of people whose sins are forgiven and who are "going to heaven when we die," but a company of people whose eyes have been opened by our Father and the Holy Spirit to recognize the person and work of His Son, which all other eyes have not seen, nor have their ears heard, nor has it ever entered into their fondest dreams, but it is being revealed to us by the Spirit (1 Cor 2:9-10).

Isa 54:11-17; 1:21-23, 26 — The faithful city. Rev 17:14 — *Faithful* demonstrates perseverance, stability, consistency in doing the Father's will, the purpose we were saved for (Ps 103:17-18; 1 Jn 2:4; Jn 8:39) — to bear the fruit of the kingdom. The promise to Abraham is universal, not just earthly.

*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (Jms 1:27)*