

Kingdom of God Transcendence

A key part of our assignment from the LORD is that we achieve transcendence. Scripture tells us how this is done.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

(John 15:7-19)

At the start of the New Age, the people received a clear vision of the potential for transcendence of the human condition. This clear vision was embodied in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. However, the vision is not limited to the time of the start of the New Age; during the time of the unfolding of the Old Testament, the vision was there, too. At that time, the vision was being pressed forward by the people of God, as they progressed through time to join with the waiting New Testament, in a time that had not come yet. Jesus Christ witnessed to this spanning, Old to New, of the potential for transcendence in mankind.

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that

thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

Jesus answered,

I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil.

Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

(John 8:46-56)

Moreover, in fulfillment of the Scripture that speaks of confirmation by the mouth of more than one witness, the apostle Paul, too, witnessed to the spanning, across the Testaments, of the potential for transcendence in mankind. The testimony of the apostle Paul begins with a recap of the Old Testament environment of expectation and vigilance.

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

(Hebrews 11:8-12)

Then, as pertains to transcendence, the apostle Paul tells us of the bridge that spanned the Testaments, and that now lifts us all to a better country, that is, an heavenly.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they

that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

(Hebrews 11:13-16)

In the time of transition to the New Age, the people of that day acknowledged their anticipation. Moreover, they started to focus our attention on the instrument of power that was of the Kingdom of Heaven, operating throughout the Kingdom of God.

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.

(John 12:20-28a)

Moreover, the expectancy that the people had received a sort of validation that it was appropriate. Whereas in the Old Testament, the people had to look forward to that day; by certification of Heaven, at the dawn of the New Age, Heaven declared that the time had arrived.

Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Jesus answered and said,

This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be

*cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

*The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ
abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up?
who is this Son of man?*

(John 12:28b-34)

Thus, the search for transcendence of the world over its then present condition had begun. The word of certification came, then, as it has done across time, until now.

*Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a
day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee
for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the
desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to
them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways,
and their pastures shall be in all high places.*

(Isaiah 49:8-9)

*We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive
not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time
accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now
is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

(2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

A most astounding event (actually, two events) happened in the earth to begin the process of recognition and acceptance of mankind's transcendence as a firm extension of the Aura of God in the Kingdom of God. One of the events is this one, as based on prophecy . . .

*And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to
weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself
shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and
shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may
know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.*

(Isaiah 7:13-15)

Associated with that prophecy of the Old Testament is this fulfillment of it . . .

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary
was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with
child of the Holy Ghost.*

*Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make
her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he*

thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying,

Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

(Matthew 1:18-23)

However, a birth is a somewhat private matter. Though it may seem impossible, today; other than Joseph and Mary, there was probably no one of Joseph's day who knew that a virgin conception had been achieved. Yes, in time, the scholars of Scripture would become wise to that fact. However, in that day, for the greater mass of the populace, much more public evidence needed to flow through all reality. To accomplish this, the LORD God authorized the following event . . .

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

This commandment have I received of my Father.

(John 10:7-18)

Why is rising from the dead necessary, you may ask. For the sake of our understanding, the apostle Paul answers that question.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

(Acts 17:29-31)

And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

(Hebrews 9:15)

But, wait! The rising is only the beginning of the Authorization for Mediation that is Christ's perpetual and transcendent crown. Here is the completion . . .

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(Matthew 28:16-20)

By the collection of the various Authorization events of the life of Jesus Christ, the LORD God, the Father, introduced the knowledge of human transcendence--which is of the Kingdom of God and has spread far, wide and deep in the kingdom of man. Though, we do not want to give you a fixation on the New Age as being the origin of the knowledge of transcendence. Nor do we want to leave you with an image of the Old Testament times as being a period of total ignorance of the LORD'S gift of Transcendence.

We emphasize the very important place of the Old Testament in Transcendence because we do not want you to think that you can ever discard the spirit of the Old Testament, since it is a necessary part of the continuum of Transcendence, in the kingdom

of man. For, the environment of the operation of Transcendence is an ancient one.

*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel
together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let
us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them
in derision.*

*Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore
displeasure.*

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

*I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son;
this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen
for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy
possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash
them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

(Psalm 2:1-9)

Jesus Christ is the first fruit of Transcendence, but what does this mean to me? Well, it does not mean anything unless we accept the truth that God is both generous and expansive. Scripture gives us some insight into the generosity and expansiveness of the transcendence that is of the Kingdom of God and that is moving as a force in the kingdom of man. The Scripture declares that there is the potential for each one of us to say, *we are the children of God.*

*Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do
mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the
Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit
of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption,
whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of
God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with
Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified
together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not
worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

(Romans 8:12-18)

To make known the generosity and expansiveness of God's gift of transcendence, on a hyper-macro level; the LORD refreshed our system of being, by encasing it in another world. Then, the LORD filled that world, too, with God's gift of Transcendence, *in the*

church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

Let us not leave this subject without giving it a more personal touch, at a micro level as compared to the magnitude of the new world. We need to individually equip our self for our life in this new world of the New Age. To do that, we need to do this . . .

Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

(2 Timothy 2:14-16)

By embedding the truths of the Kingdom of God in our soul and in our being, we will obtain our own portion of an attribute of God. At that time, we will, in the Kingdom of God, become somewhat omnipresent. This is our and our soul's transcendence, and our individual perpetuation, too.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

(John 17:1-3)

Let us recognize that we need to flow in the Kingdom of God according to its rules. This means that we accept the LORD God in the following fashion, as Scripture tells us to . . .

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

(Hebrews 11:1-6)

Moreover, in the Kingdom of God, we must release all notions of personal privilege, as we subordinate our self and soul to the wisdom of God. The requirement for blessed subordination is stated here, under the former Covenant, in the Old Testament.

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are alive every one of you this day.

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

(Deuteronomy 4:1-6)

The requirement for blessed subordination is still active in the New Age . . .

*And he said unto me,
These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets
sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be
done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the
prophecy of this book.*

*And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had
heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel
which showed me these things.*

*Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and
of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this
book: worship God.*

(Revelation 22:6-9)

. . . As the benefits and cautions of blessed subordination of self are bestowed through
a New Covenant, and delivered to us by a New Testament . . .

*And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book:
for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he
which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be
righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I
come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as
his work shall be.*

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to
the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For
without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and
idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

(Revelation 22:10-15)

. . . Which is a requirement for blessed subordination that is active “with attitude”.

*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the
churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and
morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that
heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will,
let him take the water of life freely.*

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

(Revelation 22:16-19)



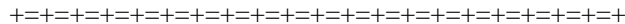
Never forget that Transcendence is another one of our many gifts from the LORD. To conclude this portion of our understanding of the Kingdom of God, as it envelopes us in the Transcendence of our spirit beyond our birth condition; we share the Scripture that describes our renewed existence in the Kingdom of God, as we, all and each one, move in Righteousness. This is the renewed existence in which we now *live, and move, and have our being*.

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

(Acts 17:22-28)



Now, since we have introduced a direct aspect to our service in the Kingdom of God (*That they should seek the Lord*); when we return, we will dive into this to a greater depth. Until then, consider the Scripture that is below, which tells us to absorb the principal of our newfound direct relationship with the LORD. The Scripture that is repeated below will start us thinking about the excuses that have been removed, and the shields of contrived logic that must be discarded from our being. We need to make room for other principles, besides the conventions and rules of this world. Clear out a space for

the LORD--and for the LORD, alone--in your heart.

*The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel,
saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set
on edge? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any
more to use this proverb in Israel.*

*Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the
son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

*But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, And hath not
eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the
house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath
come near to a menstruous woman, And hath not oppressed any, but hath
restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath
given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;
He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase,
that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment
between man and man, Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my
judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord
GOD.*

*If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that
doeth the like to any one of these things, And that doeth not any of
those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled
his neighbour's wife, Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath
spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted
up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, Hath given
forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he
shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely
die; his blood shall be upon him.*

*Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins
which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such
like, That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath
lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not
defiled his neighbour's wife, Neither hath oppressed any,
hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by
violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath
covered the naked with a garment, That hath taken off his
hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor
increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my
statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he
shall surely live.*

(Ezekiel 18:1-17)

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**-- Next, in the Kingdom of God --**  
**Absorption**

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