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The desire of the Father that all men should know.

Martin Luther wrote: *“If I profess with loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that little point which the world and the Devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”*

We are looking at the LORD’s first recorded miracle in JOH 2. It deals with the six waterpots which the LORD had filled with water and then turned it into wine.

Now, the number six is usually the number of man, but at times, it represents the work of God as in Genesis when in six days God worked and the 7th day, God rested.

So, no longer were the Jews to be cleansed by the ceremony of pouring clean water in the vessels or waterpots and wash them and then empty out all of the water and pour new water in the vessel. They were just to fill the vessel to the brim then pour the pure clean water into the waterpot vessels, but now they could be cleansed by believing upon the Lord and enjoy the life that He gave you.

So, He tells the servants to draw water and fill the jars or the empty vessels who had believed in the Lord as their Savior and now they are also believing the Lord’s will as empty waterpots or the empty vessels for the Jewish custom of purification.

Instead, our Lord told them to bring the water to the headwaiter and let him drink it so He can taste it to see if it was good enough to drink, which he drank it and found it to be heavenly wine.

And notice what the headwaiter said, **“Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!”**

This action removed all doubt that this was a miracle performed by the Messiah to manifest His glory and it was also a glimpse of the Hypostatic Union in our Lord and the Theandric action that was about to be manifested to His disciples.

Since the beginning of the Church-age, Christians have struggled with the dilemma of representing the infinite God to finite mankind through vessels of clay. The process of Theandric Action is the only provision whereby Christians are able to manifest the true nature of God in their mortal bodies within the Body of Christ and to a lost and dying world.

The word “theandric” comes from two Greek words, theos (God) and Anthropos (man).

In JOB 10:9, Remember now, that Thou hast made me as clay; And wouldst Thou turn me into dust again?

ISA 64:8, But now, O Lord, Thou art our Father, We are the clay, and Thou our potter; And all of us are the work of Thy hand.

Most Christians never experience Theandric Action, because they ignorantly live in the effects of fallen man, expressing the character of the old adamic nature in the mentality, fulfilling selfish and vain pursuits.

When the life of God the Father is operational in the believer's life, through the filling of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, which is the mind of Christ, the possibilities of experiencing Christ's victory is limitless.

Concerning the Father, Jesus said in JOH 8:29, “...**For I do always those things that please Him**”. Therefore, the Father's disposition was totally manifested to the world through Jesus Christ. Jesus said in JOH 1:9, “**He that hath seen me has seen the Father**”, because Jesus, in His humanity, was the exact reproduction of the image of God.

Describing HIS disposition, Jesus said in MAT 11:29, “**I am meek and lowly in heart,**”.

This sheds light on the attitude of Jesus as HE prayed, JOH 17:21, “**That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me**”.

It is the desire of the Father that all men would know Christ and experience the very same life that HE derived from HIS Father, through the provision of recovery for their growing process.

It must be emphasized that Theandric Action does not mean losing our individuality or creative capacity, nor does it imply that our sin nature can ever be eradicated.

In 1CO 15:10b Paul said, “**I labored more abundantly than them all, yet not I, but the grace of God that was in me.**”

Truth concerning the invisible God can only be imparted to natural men by those Christians who understand and live in the appropriation of the principle of Theandric Action. As the Christian faces every situation in life in the power of Theandric Action, the nature of God will be revealed to the world.

Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, all human problems and failures can be transformed into victories for the believer who, in courage and faith, applies this principle.

Back to the miracle, with its limitless power to change us, our Lord demonstrated HIS marvelous ability to master the processes of nature realizing what the apostle John said when HE said in JOH 1:3, “**All things came into being by Him.**”

In spite of the fact that God begins the work and completes it, we do have a part in the work that HE began. Every believer is a vessel. In fact, the Bible describes the human body of the born-again believer in the Church-age as a vessel in 1TH 4:4, **that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,**

And so, this verse says there are some believers who are vessels unto honor. And there are other believers who are vessels unto dishonor. Some believers are being prepared through progressive sanctification through the word and through the Spirit to have a great impact in history.

Now whenever you see the word sanctification, remember that it has three different meanings:

1. Positional Sanctification = Received at salvation.
2. Experiential Sanctification = Set apart in time.
3. Ultimate Sanctification = The final destiny for eternity.

So, some believers are being prepared through progressive sanctification or through the Spirit and the word and have a great impact in history. On the other hand, other believers through negative volition are becoming vessels unto dishonor. Whether you are a vessel of honor or a vessel of dishonor depends on one thing in your life: Your free will or volition concerning what you choose to follow. Our Lord is a perfect gentleman and never violates our choices.

There are believers who react against the word of God and adopt the cosmic agenda as their own personal self-agenda rather than the divine agenda. They are the salt that has lost its' affect to preserve. They have become useless and ineffective to fulfill their calling and as far as the spiritual life is concerned.

MAT 5:13, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty {again}? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.” They are no good for preservation of the church, cities, states or nations.

So, Paul is saying very bluntly something that most believers don't understand today: That is that there are two types of believers. One that is being fitted out for honorable purposes called good work which in 2TI 2:21 means having a positive historical impact with divinely good production. The other type of believers are loser believers, usually very moral and very self-righteous, works oriented and phony.

2TI 2:20, Now in a great house [body of Christ] there are not only gold and silver vessels,

The gold and silver vessels represent believers in the pivot. Believers who called gold are those who have reached the place of having maximum glorification of God and are ready to suffer for blessing by being a vessel prepared to be a witness for the prosecution in the midst of the angelic conflict. Believers in the silver are those who have reached at least the second stage of spiritual adulthood which is spiritual autonomy or spiritual independence and they keep on plugging.

The point is that every believer has the opportunity to be used by the Lord as gold or silver or precious stones which all glorify the Lord in some way.

2TI 2:20, Now in a great house there are not only gold and silver vessels [believers with PVTD], but also vessels of wood and of earthenware,

Vessels of wood and earthenware are vessels of dishonor. Wood represents humanity or the flesh and those of wood and earthenware are born again believers either in carnality or reversionism. And one vessel is for an honorable purpose and one is for a dishonorable purpose. Many vessels of dishonor are moral people, but they assume that morality is spirituality. And these are the biggest drag on our nation today.

Most believers enter into religious fanaticism, self-righteous arrogance, Christian activism, and some even assume that violence is a way to solve problems such as blowing up Abortion Clinics, hurting doctors who perform abortions and nurses and workers who help them. This is the garbage that we are being fed every day from those especially who are suckers to believe Religion and the fourth estate of

the nation which is rightly described as “Fake News.” And these are made up of the believers who are salt who have lost their savor. And when the savor is gone from the salt then the salt is worthless.

In fact, it's not only worthless but it has a negative impact on the land, and it is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. This may be one of the reasons why our nation is having so many problems and things to be concerned about because we may be under divine discipline.

2TI 2:20-21, Now in a great house [the body of Christ] there are not only gold and silver vessels [believers with PVTD], but also vessels of wood and of earthenware [carnal and reversionistic believers], and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself away from these things [the characteristics of the dishonorable vessels, the reversionistic believers], he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified,

Now, the word sanctified refers to progressive sanctification which is the will of God or the agenda of God for all of His children.

And that means that believers are taking in the word of God. They are rebounding when necessary. They are making progress by means of the perception, metabolization, and application of the word of God, **JOH 17:17, “Sanctify them [progressively] by means of the truth; Your word or doctrine is truth.”** Known as experiential sanctification. And that means the believer is beginning to enjoy freedom from the control of the soul by the sin nature. Freedom from the cosmic system controlling his mind.

Freedom from diabolical influences from principalities and powers. He has freedom from false doctrine, whether it comes from human viewpoint called doctrines of men in **EPH 4:14**, or from satanic fronts called doctrines of demons, **1TI 4:1**. He becomes free from the cosmic consensus or the opinion of people without Christ and Christians without doctrine. And that's what it means in **2TI 2:21** when it says, **if anyone cleanses himself away from these things.** This is a passage that is directly related to our Lord's first miracle.

This is what Peter said in **2PE 1:2-11**, where he describes how to become a vessel unto honor; **2PE 1:2-11, Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.**

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

And that's what to expect if you become an honorable vessel. Rather than a vessel that is filled with lies, arrogance, jealousy, envy and hatred for some of his fellow vessels.

How would you like to be a vessel that hears one day what **MAT 25:21** says, **“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.”**

The majority of believers are vessels that fall into the same thing our Lord said to the Pharisees in **MAT 23:23**, **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”**

The born-again believers who go for progressive sanctification become a vessel for honor, sanctified [set apart] for a **very profitable** use by God.

All vessels have been prepared for every good work according to **EPH 2:8-10**, **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

This means the honorable vessel has a personal impact defined as blessing by association with the mature believer who executes the PPOG through the function of the spiritual mechanics. This results in **PSA 23:5**, **Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.**

This means the honorable vessel has impact defined as blessing by association to the Gentile client nation through the formation of the pivot of mature believers. This principle is mentioned in **JOH 8:12** **Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”**

It means international impact and fulfilling the great commission by obeying **MAT 28:19** **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

It also means angelic impact defined as the invisible hero becoming a witness for the Prosecution in the rebuttal phase of Satan's appeal trial during human history as illustrated by Job.

It means heritage impact which is blessing by association with the invisible hero after his death.