

*What in the World is God Doing?
Getting on Board with God's Plan for His Church*

Sunday School Class

January 24, 2010



Class Outline

Class #1:

Introduction: The Cry of the Prophets

(Psalm 80; Hosea 10:1-2; 14:4-7)

Class #2:

All the Promises of God find their Yes in Jesus

(2 Corinthians 1:20; 1 Peter 1:10-12)

Class #3:

What God is Doing Now?

(John 15:1-11)

Class #4:

Three Implications

(Luke 9:60; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10)

ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD FIND THEIR YES IN JESUS

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

Review:

What the Prophets Did and Didn't Know (Hosea 10:1-2; 14:4-7)

1. Suffering Judgment for Sin
2. Restoration to Glory

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time *the Spirit of Christ* in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you *through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven*, things into which angels long to look.

What the prophets did know was that the path to glory would be via the sufferings of God's Christ—which is exactly what you would expect when you think about it. God's message to Israel throughout the prophets was always this: you will suffer deeply because of sin, but glory and restoration will be there to greet you on the other side. When the Christ came to stand in the place of Israel, to be Israel, what would we expect but that he would suffer judgment because of sin before being vindicated and glorified on judgment's far side? (p. 34)

Read 1Peter 1:3-25

1. Who is given ultimate credit for our salvation?
2. What means does God use to accomplish our salvation?

A breathtaking picture emerges from this extraordinary little paragraph in 1 Peter. In fulfillment of his ancient plans, God has brought salvation by sending his Christ to pass through suffering to glory. He is now announcing this momentous news to the world by his Holy Spirit working through human evangelists, and by this method he is saving people, bringing them to new birth, and granting them an eternal, unshakable, incorruptible inheritance in his eternal kingdom. (p. 35)