

When Jesus Saves the Best For Last

Jesus did His first public miracle at the wedding of Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11).

He took the ordinary and made it extraordinary. He took the natural and made it supernatural. He took a crisis and brought forth a solution. He made a potential mess into a message. Jesus moved the attendees from the expected into the unexpected. Messiah Jesus did not have the first word at the wedding feast; instead, He demonstrated the Last Word. Jesus saved and served the best wine for a lasting impact!

The “Convergence of the Ages” is upon us when once again Jesus saves and serves the best at the last.

Defining a Convergence

The Holy Spirit has been highlighting the word “converge” in recent days. It is a current word that is appearing in both the business community and the church world. It is a kingdom word for our times. It is the time of the divine convergence! It is the bringing together of different components so that the sum of the parts brought together is greater in value than separate individual pieces or perspectives.

“Converge”: to bend, incline; to move toward one point together; to come together and unite in interest or focus.

“Convergence”: the act of moving toward union; movement of two eyes resulting in impingement of a point on corresponding retinal areas.

There are three distinct stages:

- Inflow
- Convergence

▪ Outflow

The Holy Spirit orchestrates a flow of different gifts and views flowing towards a common goal. Then a convergence occurs where the elements are brought into focus and purpose. After this transpires, there is often a period of shifting again where the issue of control is tested and parts are disassembled for the divine purposes of scattering the seed and creating an outflow of the resources.

The New Wine Will Be Found in the Cluster

This is not like the past where the thought was, “Let’s all go to Pensacola, Toronto, Lakeland, Kansas City, Charlotte, London, Redding, Brazil or South Africa.” No! Instead, the Holy Spirit is moving upon many geographical locations, many congregations and ministries, with great diversity and empowerment all at the same time. Praise the Lord!

“Thus says the Lord, ‘As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, ‘Do not destroy it for a blessing is in it’...” (Is. 65:8).

This is a fresh form of team ministry today! What I see taking place in these new moves of the Holy Spirit breaking out is something different. It is not centered around one person. It is not centered around one church or ministry. It is not centered around one geographical sphere. It is not centered around just one apostolic hub. It is not centered around one manifestation.

It is a time of both new wine and new wineskins. Mark 2:22 states, “No one pours new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins will be marred. But new wine must be poured into new wineskins.” It is a time when prophetic revelation cooperates with apostolic application.

These times require a fresh understanding of covenant

relationships and community as this generation arises out of self-centered individualistic ministry mindsets and seeks the common good of the Body of Christ. Divine alliances are being formed, resulting in greater progress being accomplished.

This fresh work of the Holy Spirit is occurring as the “cluster anointing” comes to pass, when the new wineskins are formed to hold and pour out the new wine of His contagious presence.

Characteristics of the Convergence

This new wine carries with it the best of ingredients of the past to usher us into the greater presence and anointing. The ingredients include the manifestation of the Pentecostal fire, the healing and deliverance crusades, the Latter Rain glory realm, the evangelical burden for the lost, the Charismatic gifts, the Jesus People zeal, the Third Wave theological credibility, the revelation of the prophetic movement and the relational networking of the Apostolic Reformation.

These graces shall all merge together into a tidal wave that will be greater than the impact of the “Great Reformation” of 500 years ago. We are living in the times of the beginning of a historic fourth wave, carrying the distinction of “transformation.” We will shift from a “short-timers” mindset into building in such a manner that we leave behind a lineage and legacy.

This will ultimately create what could be called the Great Transformation.

Today we are living in the “Convergence of the Ages.” The Holy Spirit is taking the best of all the anointing of the movements of the past and bringing these ingredients together for such a time as this. Today we have the greatest Global Prayer Movement, Schools of the Supernatural abound, and we have fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers of the faith to help guide the coming generations. Today we have

“new wine” and “new wineskins” prepared for the Harvest!

It is Harvest Time once again. Let’s believe that something greater than the Jesus People Movement is coming forth. It is the time for the joining of the generations. It is time!

Ten Characteristics of the Convergence of the Ages

1. Joining and honoring the generations—the wisdom of the older, the resources of the middle-aged and the zeal of the younger cooperating together
2. Partnering of the genders with ethnic diversity—men and women and people of all backgrounds leading and ministering together
3. Developing character and wisdom to carry the gift—the fruit, wisdom and gifts of the Spirit all working together
4. Cultivating God’s heart for Israel and the nations—keeping the apple of God’s eye central in our hearts and prophetic perspective
5. Valuing team ministry and community—relational, not just functional; all fivefold gifts serving one another
6. Embracing the variety of prophetic expressions—the seer and the prophet; the congregation and the marketplace; the church gathered and the church scattered
7. Merging the prophetic and intercessory streams—calling forth the purposes of God by praying the prophetic promises into being
8. Ushering in God’s presence through prophetic worship and the arts—modeling creative displays of lavish affection to Jesus, the lover of our souls
9. Activating the unique prophetic grace of each believer—stirring up the prophetic gift to fulfill our part of

Jesus' Great Commission

10. Cultivating God's heart of justice for the poor—channeling marketplace resources towards orphans, widows and the oppressed.

We are shifting into a time when the Shadow of the Almighty falls and this supernatural culture of the Holy Spirit moves equipped believers in the church to go into the world, impacting every sphere of life, marketplace, government and influence all for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ! {eo}

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