FATHERHOOD/APOSTOLIC SUMMIT CONVERGENCE FALL 2008

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SUMMIT

The top...Highest point, the summit of a mountain...Highest point or degree...Utmost elevation...Highest point of attainment or aspiration... Highest level of officials...The level restricted to heads of government...

CONVERGENCE The act or instance of converging... Tendency to one point...

CONVERGE

Approach nearer together...Move to one point or one another...Come together, meet...Unite in a common interest or focus...Move or be directed toward each other, or toward the same place, purpose, or result...

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TOPICS/THEMES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

"THE APOSTOLIC IMPERATIVE: THE ONLY THING THAT TRANSFORMS GOD'S CHILDREN INTO GOD'S FAMILY!"

Anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear will agree that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is standing today at a literal crossroads. The <u>natural</u> signs are both obvious and ominous. Our beloved America hangs in God's balances, in dire need of having godly leaders elected into office; natural disasters, droughts, famines, and diseases abound at an alarming rate; lawlessness and rebellion in all forms pervade almost every level of society, and so forth. Any of these signs <u>individually</u>, not even to mention <u>collectively</u>, are enough to cause us to lay prostrate before God in repentance, crying out for His mercy and guidance. And the people of God <u>desperately do need to repent</u>.

BUT WE CANNOT STOP WITH JUST REPENTANCE!!!

Repentance indeed will bring us <u>back</u> to a place of necessary restoration with God, a clean slate. But the Church cannot simply "go back to the way it used to be", for the prior moves of God with which we have been familiar, and in which we have previously lived and operated, <u>do not bear the same effectual impact as they did in years past</u>. The Church has been flowing in God's moves in reverse order: the evangelistic movement of God, the pastoral/shepherding movement of God, the teaching movement of God, and is now recognizing the prophetic movement of God. <u>BUT TODAY, GOD DECREES THAT THE CHURCH COME INTO THE FULLEST OF HIS MOVEMENTS: THE APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT, MESSAGE, AND MINISTRY OF GOD.</u> (The original Apostolic Move of God actually provided the structure upon which God the Father began His New Testament Church. It is only through the Apostolic Move of God/an Apostle where complete foundation and the "master architectural plan" for the Church can be found and implemented. It is only the Apostolic Move of God that brings unity, full understanding, and cohesiveness to all other moves of God!) We cannot go <u>back</u> to a movement which has already served its purpose (although we must always preserve and retain the eternal truths and building blocks established through them). No, but we must move <u>FORWARD</u> into today's timely, Divinely appointed season of the Apostolic.

Now prophetic ministry, which is gaining more momentum among the people of God today, <u>mentions</u> apostolic ministry at times, but they do not have a clear understanding of it. Really, the five-fold ministry, <u>and</u> the corresponding moves of God, are not fully understood <u>until they are brought forth and defined by a full-fledged apostle.</u> (It is the overall job of an apostle to clarify and reveal the entire master plan of God's house from the foundation up.) Jesus Christ, The Son of God, <u>is</u> The Great Apostle. He fully embodies each of the five-fold ministry doma giftings—Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Pastor/Shepherd, and Evangelist. He bestows a measure of His grace and unction (be it apostle, prophet, teacher, pastor/shepherd, <u>or</u> evangelist) upon His five-fold ministry men, and that empowerment enables them to function in their specific calling/gifting. It is actually the work, operation, and anointing of Jesus Christ, in <u>that particular level of manifestation</u>, coming <u>through</u> a human vessel, to perform <u>that</u> work for God the Father. Every facet of the five-fold ministry, and the move of God associated with it, re-establishes a certain dimension of God back into His people and upon the earth. It is the Apostolic Move of God/an Apostle who brings in what all creation groans for, what the Church yearns for, and what society is crying out for - the ultimate in manifested relationship to God the Father into every corner of your life, your ministry, your family, and your sphere of influence. (Please read more at www.thebecomingfather.com.)

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One of the most glorious end results of full-fledged Apostolic Ministry is the transformation of those who are God's children into God's fully matured, HUIOS sons and daughters...God's true family. Now we do know that the life of Christ lives in and through us after the born-again experience. But in order for His Divine Nature to overtake our soulish or psychological man, WE MUST UNDERGO A SPIRITUAL PROCESS IN THE SOULISH/PSYCHOLOGICAL PART OF OUR BEINGS, THAT RENDERS US FULLY OBEDIENT MANI-FESTED SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO GOD THE FATHER. This takes place ONLY through Apostolic Ministry. This IS THE APOSTOLIC IMPERATIVE—equivalent to the mandate of the spiritual operation of BAPTISM INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER. With the overused and underdefined term "spiritual father" being applied today to some who are unqualified, A MAJOR PITFALL IS ARISING. Many may gather (at least for a time) "to" or "under" a person who may have more experience, insight, or visible charisma than they, and think they are partaking of "spiritual fatherhood". But the TRUE MARK AND CORE THRUST OF COMPLETE SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD IS THE METAMORPHOSIS OF THE SOULISH MAN, SO THAT WE CAN GROW PAST BEING JUST CHILDREN OF GOD INTO HUIOS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD, CLOTHED WITH AND MOLDED IN THE IMAGE OF JESUS THE HUIOS SON OF GOD—THE APOSTOLIC IMPERATIVE! Understand this: simply having a desire or heart to help/guide/mentor others does not adequately equip a person for Apostolic ministry. The transformation into matured HUIOS sons and daughters-God's true familyrequires an INTENSIVE SPIRITUAL CHANGE AND WORK-STRATEIA (2 Cor 10:1-6). Some among the prophetic movement are of the persuasion that the life of Christ and His completed work dwelling within our spirits causes us to automatically show forth full-fledged sonship, or that we are just required to have a "change of mind or old thought patterns". One incompleteness found in prophetic thinking is this: while they are unctionized by God to speak forth the ideal they see in the distance, THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE VERY REAL PROCESS IT TAKES TO GET THERE. (This underscores the great need for the FOUNDATION that an apostle/Apostolic Ministry brings forth to be set, established, and implemented back in the earth today—it will bring balance and clarity to that which the other five-fold ministry has previously understood.) Even though Christ finished the eternal work Himself, THERE REMAINS A WORK, A CHANGE, A PROCESS TO BE DONE ON THE SOUL for Christ's work to be manifested THROUGH US. The Apostle Paul clearly stated this: "My little children, OF WHOM I TRAVAIL IN BIRTH AGAIN UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU..." (Gal. 4:19) There is a labor involved both for the Apostle and for the people. ONLY A FULL-FLEDGED DOMA APOSTLE WITH THE CALLING, UNCTION, AND ANOINTING OF JESUS THE GREAT APOSTLE OPERATING THROUGH HIM CAN BRING FORTH THE TRUE FAMILY OF GOD. Remember, it is GOD THE FATHER'S TRUE FAM-ILY being produced through THE APOSTOLIC IMPERATIVE. The proof is found in the entire lives of the people who are produced by Apostolic Ministry. God the Father's family can only be a people who express HIS Name and Character ... a people who lay down their whole lives to obey, serve, and follow Him...a people in whom is not found the love of the world...a people who are purified and shine forth as the saints on the earth... a people who truly manifest "THE CORPORATE MAN" - the image of Jesus, the HUIOS Son of God the Father, to the greatest extent possible. Without a family of this caliber on the earth, GOD THE FATHER CAN NOT MANIFEST HIMSELF OR HIS KINGDOM TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. By your welcoming THE APOSTOLIC IMPERATIVE into your life, you will bring overflowing joy, peace, contentment, and satisfaction to God AND to every area of your life. For only through THE APOSTOLIC IMPERATIVE can you show forth the fullness of your God-ordained destiny!

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