

Vision Statement who we are in GI (2019)

“We are an End-Time Church, House of Prayer, and Bride of Christ in preparation: in intimacy, character and power; to stand with Israel and to bring in the harvest of the nations for Jesus’ glorious return.”

1. **We are an End time church, House of Prayer** (Matt 24-25)
 - a. End time church embracing the prophetic urgency of the last day and the ultimate destiny of the church (John 17:20-26; Eph. 1:10, 3:9-11; Ezk 36-39; Zech 12-14; Rev 1-3, 12).
 - b. House of Prayer (a.k.a. Tabernacle of David) – important role of intercession & worship, reaching the weak marginalised (Is 56:3-8; Mk 11:17; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17; Mal 1:11; Rev 5:8, 8:3-6).
e.g. Vision of bowl of incense

2. **Bride of Christ in preparation** (Rev 19:7-9)
 - a. **Intimacy** (Jn 14:21-23)
 - (1) Extravagant devotion to Jesus Christ as the life goal. E.g. David, Paul, Mary of Bethany (Phil 3:10-11; Luke 14:3-9; Ps. 27:4)
 - (2) Following Jesus by embracing the cross (Luke 9:23)
 - b. **Character** (Romans 8:28-29)
 - (1) Commitment to life of personal holiness & obedience - Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25);
 - (2) Character before gifts in ministry: humility, faithfulness, and love (Is 66:2; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 11:25-30; Rev 14:1-5)
 - c. **Power** – Gifts of the Spirit; Power of the ages to come in Word & Spirit; Sevens Spirits of God. E.g. Elijah & John the Baptist (1 Cor 12:4-11; Heb. 6:6; Rev 4:5; 5:6; Is 11:1-2). E.g. Prophecy of the 7 lamps burning and encounter on 7 Spirits of God.

3. **To stand with Israel, and to bring in the harvest of the nations for Jesus’ glorious return** (Matt 13:39)
 - a. Mandate to become a friend to Israel in the time of persecution and restoration (Jer. 30:7; Zech. 12-14; Rom 11:11-36; Eph 2:14-18)
 - b. Harvest within Australia and among the nations of the world (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-21; Rev 14:14-16)

“Bride of Christ in preparation: in intimacy, character and power...”

1. Purpose of Salvation ('sozo') (Rev 19:7-8)

- a. Salvation Chart – A (Creation) – B (Eden) – C (Fall) – D (Redemption through the Cross) – E, F, G, H...(Sanctification). What is 'Z'? (Becoming the Bride of Christ, Rev 19:7-8; Rev 21-22).
- b. We are saved 'from' hell, but that is not the purpose for which we are created (saved) 'for'. God never prepared hell for mankind, but for the devil and His fallen angels. (Matt 25:41). We are created/saved 'for' the purpose greater than our wildest imagination (c.f. 1 Cor 2:9). *'To become the Bride of Christ'* – The Father's greatest love gift for His Son! The 'redemption' is the beginning of our salvation process – not the end point.
- c. Significance of the 'Bride making herself ready' (Rev 19:7): Climax of history!
 - Destiny of humanity end up with the picture of 2 women: 'Harlot' (mystery) & 'Bride' (great mystery). NT speaks of 'mystery' (x 28) – Jews/Gentiles (Rom 11:25); 'lawlessness' (2 Thess 2:7-12); 'fellowship of mystery' (Eph 3:9); 'Christ in us' (Col 1:27); 'resurrection of the righteous' (Rom 15:51), etc – focused on end time events. The bride of Christ is a 'great mystery' after Christ's 1st coming - incarnation & death/resurrection (1 Tim 3:16).
 - What follows Rev 19:7? Christ's 2nd Coming as the Judge; judgment of antichrist/false prophet; the reward of righteous; 1000 year kingdom; eternal judgment, new heaven/new earth; NEW Jerusalem! Rev 20-22 follows because of Rev 19:7! The destiny of the saints ('rewards' c.f. Rev 20:4-6) decided in this life! – after you get saved & die! How significant is your life as a believer!

2. Paul's letter to Corinthian Christians (already radically saved, C.f. 1 Cor 6:9-11) – Paul is 'burning with godly jealousy' – Gk. 'jealousy of God' over them. (How about having apostle Paul as your pastor?) – Our God is jealous God! (Ex 20:5)

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- b. GI Vision & my ministry goal for GI (jealousy of God) – not to 'entertain' or 'retain', but to 'prepare' the holy Bride of Christ. 'To present everyone perfect (mature) before God.'
- c. 'Whole counsel of God' must be taught (c.f. Acts 20:27) – e.g. John the Baptist; Paul VS 'user friendly church?' God is not 'Uzzah-friendly'?!

3. Intimacy (John 14:21-23)

- a. 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 – Key theme: 'Perfecting holiness in the fear of God' – key word: 'separation' & 'consecration' – i.e. unshared affection of our heart.
 - Importance of the 1st love of our heart to be Christ.
 - God's warning to Ephesian church, great church but lost 1st love (Rev 1:5). C.f. "Be My Vision" by Dallan Forgaill
- b. Purpose in heart (personal goal in life): 'ambition' & 'motivation' (Matt 25:1-13) – 5 foolish & 5 wise virgins in Jesus' parable on end time teaching. Jesus is answering His own question: *"Who is the wise servant in the last days?"* (Matt 24:45). Wise servants make 'oil of intimacy' their life goal (highest agenda) – i.e. They pursue the 'interior reality' of 'spiritual intimacy with Christ' rather than 'exterior attainment' in life, including 'ministerial achievement'. Wise bride will have more reserve of 'oil' (intimacy) than is required to be used for – It is not a waste of time! That is their 'preferred choice of lifestyle'.
 - Intimacy with Christ is the goal of life in itself not means to an end. Example of Paul (Phil 3:10-11) & David (Ps 27:4) & Jesus' teaching on Mary (Lk 14:3-9)
 - The unshared love (heart's affection/devotion/all our life's choices for Christ & sacrificial service in love) – our gift to Christ on the marriage supper of the Lamb! 'Righteous Acts of the Saints' (Gk. 'dekaiomata') Or '*love/devotion lived out.*' (Rev 19:8). Christ's gift to

us? To share 'uncreated glory of God'! (John 17:5, 22). Christ's promise to the faithful church? (C.f. Rev 3:12)

4. Character (Rom 8:28-29)

- a. God's agenda of end time is to pour out His Spirit in unprecedented manner. However, the power without character always ended up in disaster! E.g. liken to high-powered electric line. What is Insulation? Cross worked into our flesh Or Christlike Character.
- b. GI value: We will put 'character' before 'gifts'. 'Jesus' warning of false prophets in the last day. False prophets are not short of gifts, but character & motive. (fruit test – Gal 5:22). Goal of ministry within one doing ministry is 'character'.
- c. What character traits we are looking for? 'humility' & 'faithfulness' (Matt 25:14ff) leading to love. Word & Obedience purifies our soul.
- d. How did the last days saints get the Christ-like character certified by heaven? By Following 'the Lamb' wherever He goes. (C.f. Rev 14:1-5)

5. **Power (Joel 2:28-32)** – Power of the Word & the power of the Spirit. E.g. John the Baptist & Elijah as model of end time prophetic ministry! E.g. Prophecy of 7 lamps burning. 7 Spirits of God in the last days upon the last day church of Christ (c.f. Is 11;1-2; Rev 4:5; 5:6)

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I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
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May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
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Discussion

1. What do you believe is God's highest vision for your life? How would you describe God's ultimate purpose of creation and salvation of mankind?
2. Have you 'felt' the jealousy of God that Paul describes in 2 Cor 11:2? (James 4:5) Why does God feel this way about us? What does it tell us about who we are?
3. What is the main lesson of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:1-13? – i.e. 'how to be wise'
4. Why should 'intimacy with Christ' be every Christian's life goal and deepest aspiration? (Phil 3:10-11; Ps 27:4; Luke 14:3-9)
5. How did the Bride make herself ready? What is the righteous acts of the saints? What happens when the Bride makes herself ready? (See what follows in Rev 19-22) Why?

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a long white wedding dress and white gloves, is running through a field. She is seen from behind, with her arms outstretched. The background shows trees and a bright sky. The image is framed with a torn paper effect.

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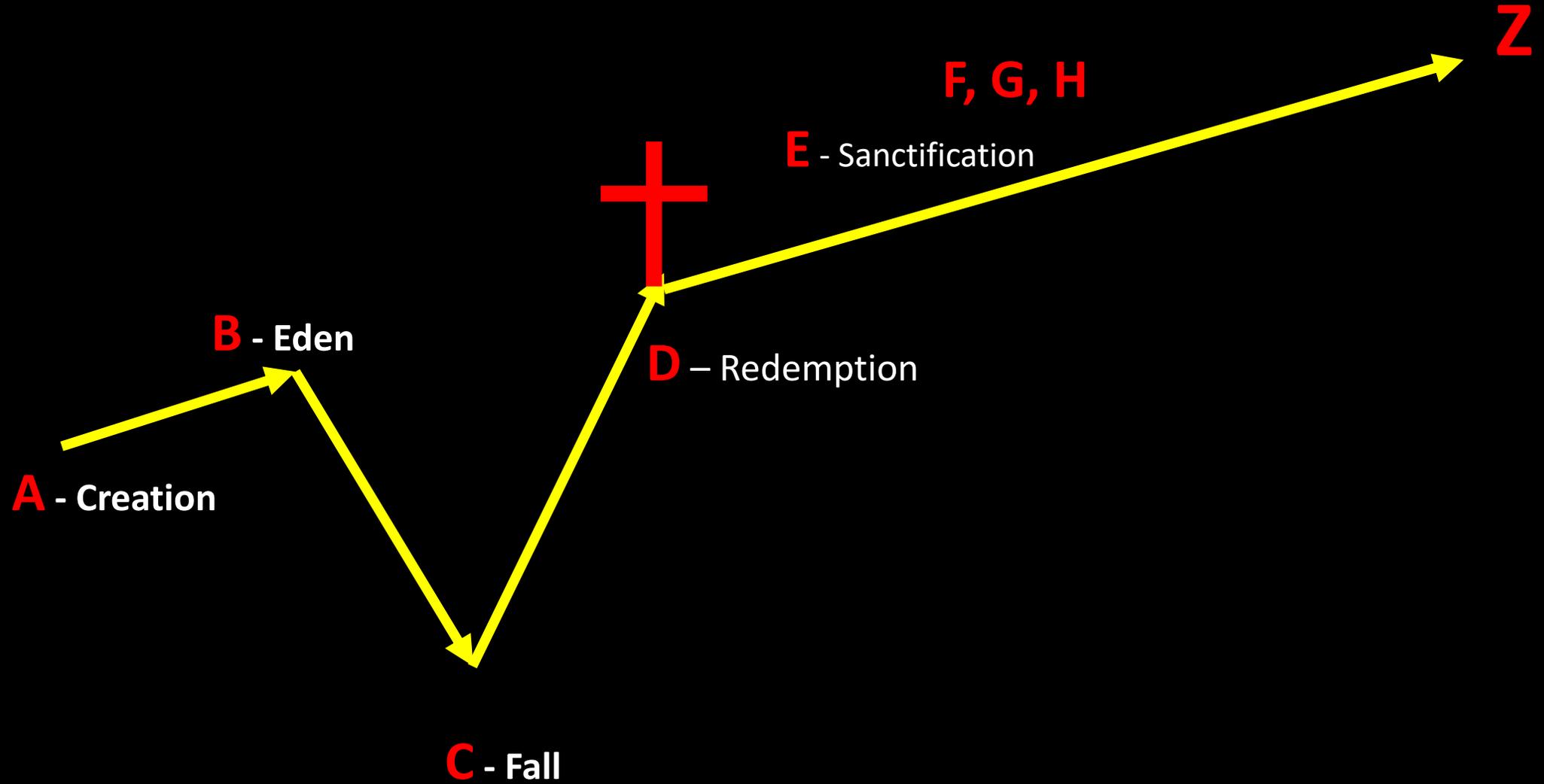
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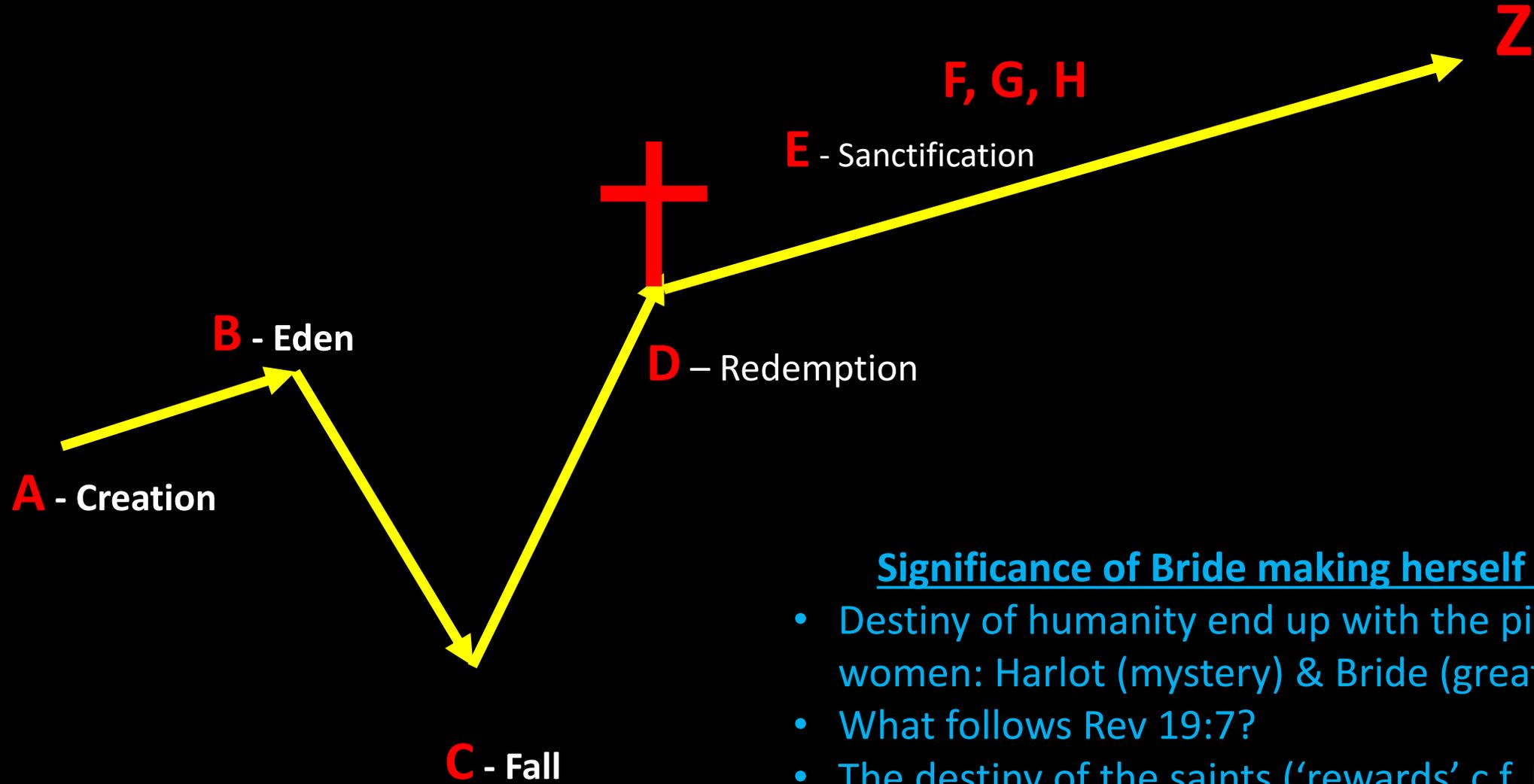
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(2 Cor 11:1-4 NASB)

- Paul’s letter to Corinthian Christians (c.f. 1 Cor 6:9-11). Yet Paul is ‘burning with godly jealousy’ Lit. **‘jealousy of God’!** (C.f. Ex 20:5) Why? *“Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?* (James 4:5) For what? *‘entire devotion of our being...’* Or *‘simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ’* (1 Cor 11:3) – **i.e. ‘intimacy’ / ‘first love’ / ‘affection of our heart’!**
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