

Gospel Transformation Strategy

... need for a strategic mind-set

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STRATEGIC FUNDAMENTALS FOR TRANSFORMATION

- 1. SOVEREIGNTY VIEWPOINT & VISION**
- 2. KINGDOM OF LIGHT STRATEGY**
- 3. KINGDOM OF DARKNESS STRATEGY**
- 4. GOSPEL-DRIVEN GAP-CLOSING STRATEGY**

1. SOVEREIGNTY VIEWPOINT & VISION

APPREHENDING THE THRONE PERSPECTIVE

WE SEE THE LORD

Isa 6:1 ... I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple

Rev 1:17-18 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, *Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*



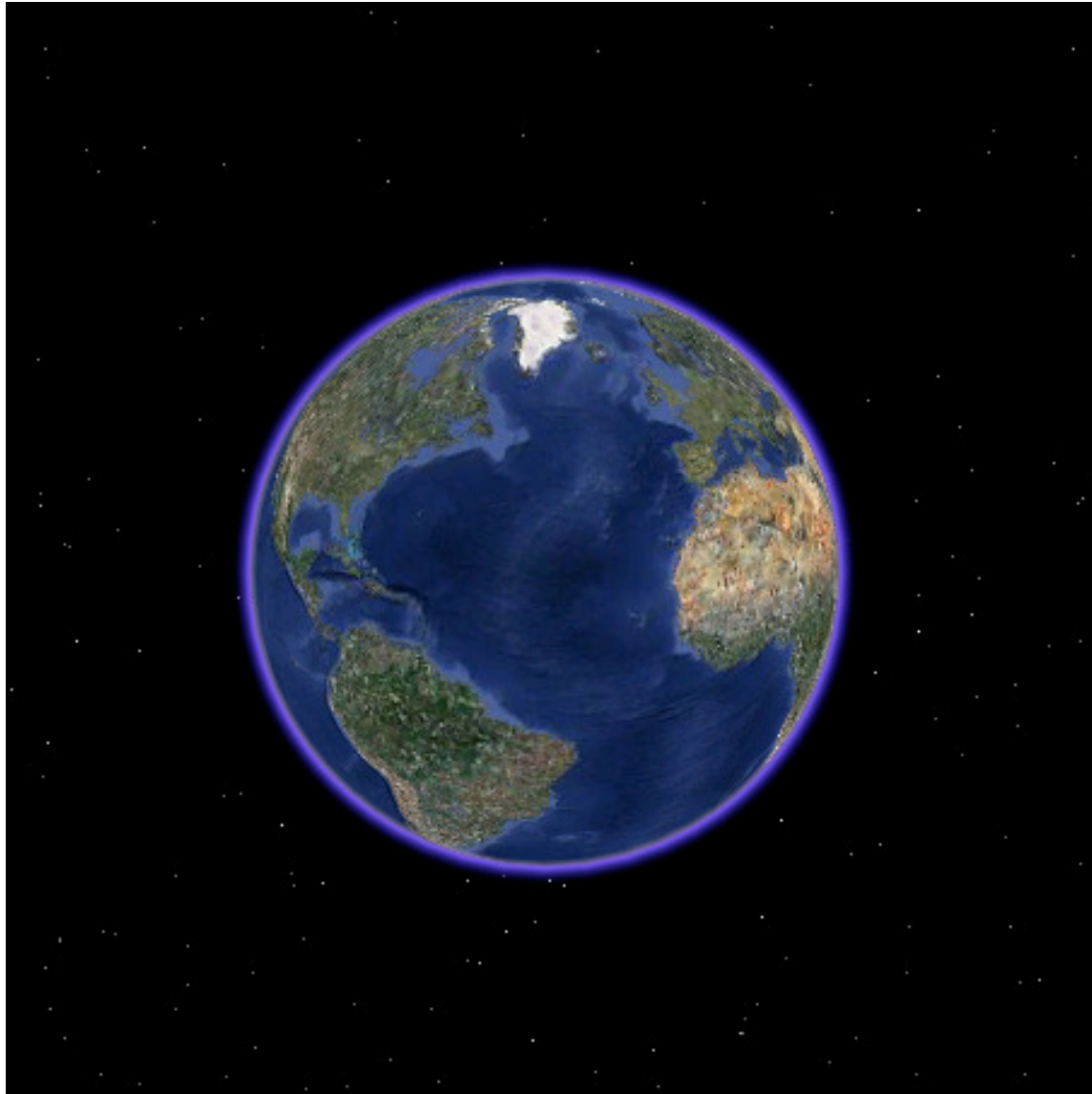
WE SEE ALSO

- His absolute sovereignty & authority
- His role as Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, Restorer
- His invincibility
- the inevitability of His planned outcomes

COME AND SEE

Re 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

.... What do you see?



Who cares?

Eze 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Isa 59:16 And he saw that *there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.*

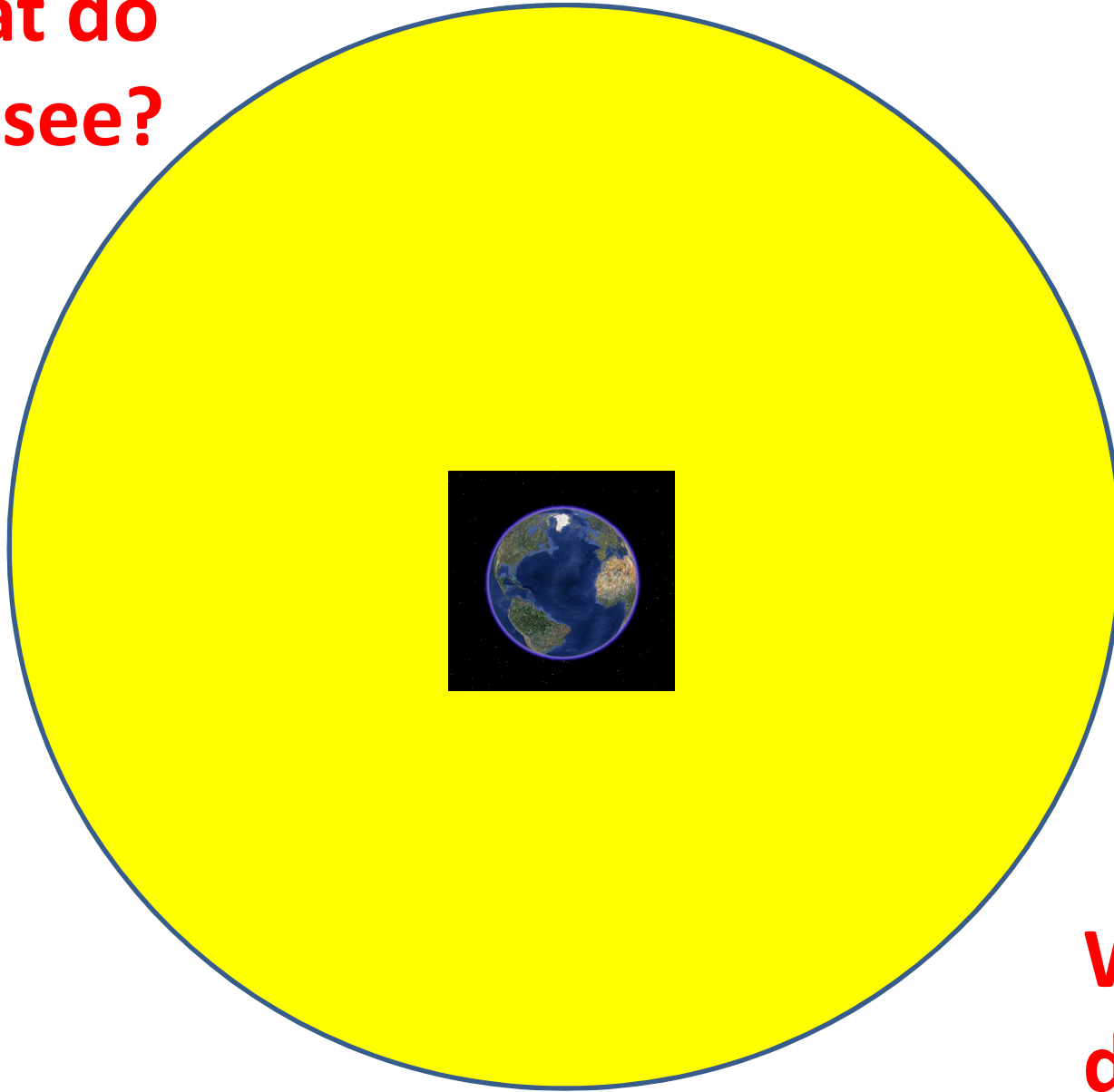
Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Isa 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.*

Isa 60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

.... Now look again!

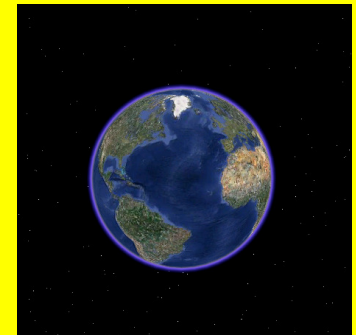
**What do
you see?**



**What's
different?**

Isaiah 60

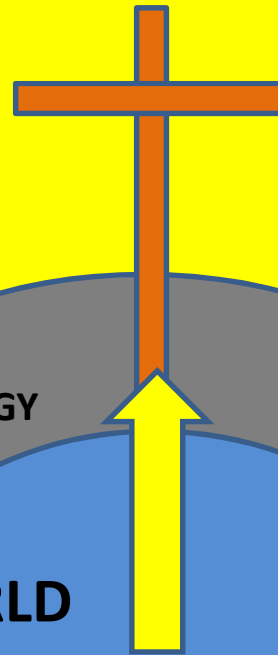
- 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the **glory of the LORD** is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and **his glory** shall be seen upon thee.
- 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.





1. SOVEREIGNTY VIEWPOINT & VISION

- His authority & power
- His past works



2. KINGDOM OF LIGHT STRATEGY

His all-sufficient
strategy of the Cross

3. KINGDOM OF DARKNESS STRATEGY

His view of sin

Gen 6:5

Gen 15:16

Mat 24:12-14

Rom 1

Rev

Canopy of Darkness
over the whole earth

4. GOSPEL-DRIVEN GAP-CLOSING STRATEGY

His commands
and expectations
of the Church

WORLD

CHURCH



2. KINGDOM OF LIGHT STRATEGY

KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

- **WHERE ARE THE HEAVENLIES, AND WHO'S THERE?**

Col 2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them

Eph 1:20 which He wrought in the Christ, having raised him out of the dead, and did set him at His right hand in the heavenly places, Eph 1:21 far above all principality, and authority, and might, and lordship, and every name named, not only in this age, but also in the coming one; Eph 1:22 and all things He did put under his feet, and did give him—head over all things to the assembly, Eph 1:23 which is his body, the fulness of Him who is filling the all in all,

- **OUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST IS THERE**

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.

Joh 17:22 And **the glory** which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Eph 2:6 and did raise us up together, and did seat us together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **(a LEGAL position, not a physical one)**

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God

- **OUR RESOURCES ARE THERE – IN CHRIST**

Eph 1:3 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who did bless us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

3. KINGDOM OF DARKNESS STRATEGY

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

UNDERSTAND THE REALITY OF THE CANOPY OF DARKNESS OVER THE EARTH

— THE DEVIL IS THERE, IN THE HEAVENLIES

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*

- Satan' has a legal right to establish and build a Kingdom of Darkness among sinners
- His use of idols as gateways for demons for sin and slavery and abdication of potential rights & powers
- His strategy to sideline sinful Churches (Rev 3:14-22, Mt 25:31:46, Mt 7:23, 2Ki 23:24-5)
- He is not concerned about self-driven churches representing a threat to him, but he is concerned about devouring the flock and preventing repentance and revival

4. GOSPEL-DRIVEN CHURCH STRATEGY

IT'S ALL ABOUT INTERCESSION & MISSION

AUTHORISED & EMPOWERED – THE GREAT COMMISSION

- Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (sounds like God's commands to Joshua)

UNDERSTAND THE TRUE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

- Understand the Genesis mandate for dominion & service and the blessings & cursings
- To arise, shine and operate in the covenant victory of the cross as authorised and empowered ambassadors of the King, in His likeness and presence, to overcome and destroy the works of the Devil and help expand the Kingdom of God on earth (MISSION) so it becomes just as it is in heaven (VISION), and aim for transformation
- Be battle-ready - Mt 5 beatitudes, Rev 12:11, Ex 23:30, Rev 17:14, 2Co 10:4, Ep 6:10-18.
Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
- Be resolved – apostolic ministry, First Love (Rev 2:4, Is 58), stand in the gap (Ez 22:30, Is 6:8), “Go” (Jesus), run the race (Heb 12:1), Be strong and courageous (Jos 1), Faint not (Prov 24:10, 2Co 4:16), aim for commendation (Mt 25:21), Be transformed (Ro 12:2)
- **PRAY** – as citadels of light, stay connected, stand in the gap, wait on the Lord, pray for breakthrough
- **MULTIPLY** - train our children, grow together in Christ, set the captives free, add numbers daily
- **FIGHT** – train leaders, demolish strongholds, advance, influence governments, serve the nations

God's Transformation Strategy for Demolition and Rebuilding Through:

- **Cross**
- **Comforter**
- **Church**
- **Campaigns**
- **Consuming Fire**
- **Conquest**

Kingdom of Light

Kingdom of Darkness

WORLD

**TRUE CHURCH
(A CITADEL OF LIGHT
FOR INTERCESSION &
MISSION)**

Windows of heaven opened

... canopy of darkness opened through
prayer ... for rescue, blessing, zeal and
consuming fire

