

Breaking Bread

Newsletter –

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"The Lord's twelve apostles had the same representation as the twelve tribes of Israel namely, they collectively represented the Church, and each one of them some essential of the Church; for this reason there were twelve of them."

(Apocalypse Explained 430)

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And now for something a little different...

APOSTLE	SPIRITUAL MEANING
SIMON PETER	FAITH Simon means 'hearing'. Obedience to what we know to be true
JAMES	HOPE/POWER – Good works. The manifestation of what is GOOD. Goodness at work.
JOHN	LOVE/CHARITY Love towards the Lord and love for the neighbour.
ANDREW	INNOCENCE/OBEDIENCE A willingness to be led by the Lord
PHILIP	WISDOM -a love of understanding the Word Philip means 'lover of horses'
BARTHOLOMEW	DISCERNMENT - Cultivation of good teachings and truth Bartholomew means 'Son of Farrows'(son of the ploughed ground).
THOMAS	QUESTING/EXAMINATION Self-examination & searching out the scriptures. Positive doubt
MATTHEW	DEVOTION - especially towards truth – Love of DOCTRINE CORRECTION & INSTRUCTION & the ingathering that follows
JAMES SON OF ALPHEUS	SERVICE And a love of being of service to others
SIMON THE ZEALOT	PASSION/DESIRE Especially for hearing the voice of God/listening to the Lord
JUDAS SON OF JAMES	PRAISE born from the WORK OF GOD/POWER and Service
JUDAS ISCARIOT	REPENTANCE/CONFESSION /Death & Transfomation Self-examination followed by the transformation which brings praise

The Twelve Gateways of the Lord

Finding Power, Healing and Victory in every area of your life

NOTE: - This message was inspired by our podcast 'The Next Level' – Episode 54 –
“Twelve gateways that the Divine uses to bring us into our High Calling” –
<https://anchor.fm/soulwarrior>.

Luke 9:1-9

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead;

8 And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

Introduction

The purpose of spiritual life and spiritual practice is to 'come' into the Kingdom and grow in an ever-expanding relationship with the Lord. To move forward we need set pathways to walk along to fellowship and communion with the Divine. New Jerusalem as revealed in the Apocalypse of John has twelve such gateways and specially designed streets made for us to advance along. No matter what direction we approach the City of Light from there is a way for us to move forward. Sacred Text reveals for us through the archetype of the Twelve what exactly those gateways are. Here is my best offering with assistance drawn from the small work 'The Twelve Apostles' by New Church minister Rev John E. Elliott.

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. – Twelve gateways the Lord uses to lead and develop regeneration within the advancing soul.

Most of us, who are familiar with spiritual language, would also be familiar with the idea that the Apostle Peter represents our 'faith' or that James is 'a life of use from spiritual power' and John is 'love' at work inside us. However, here Sacred Text is reminding us that in order for us to experience the fullness of regeneration (**authority over all devils, and to cure diseases**) the Lord chose **Twelve** to send forth and minister the spiritual freedom only found in the Kingdom of God. Thus, it becomes important for us to identify *all* the ways (twelve archetypally speaking) wherein the Lord has invested His power for salvation. To this end, I would like to explore with you, albeit it briefly, the significance of all Twelve. Why did the Lord choose twelve? The reason is that Faith/Peter on its own is not enough to bring us into spiritual maturity. Consider how inconsistent Peter could often be. Unless we work with all Twelve ways (heavenly practices) and endeavour to receive from their power, we cannot know the fullness of freedom and liberty available for us through the Kingdom of God. It takes time and much effort to identify these Twelve and in some cases, all we are left with is but a few clues. Take Thomas for example. He stands out to many of us because of his profound

episode of doubt concerning the Lord's resurrection. And yet, this alone is almost enough to point out for us the need for 'questions' and 'doubt'. So in this vein, here they are, starting with Peter and ending in Judas Iscariot – 1. We develop *true Faith (Peter)*. 2. It leads us into action with genuine **Power (James)**. 3. We experience new **Love (John)** for the Lord, the Word and our fellow humans. 4. We experience a new willingness to be led of the Lord called **Innocence (Andrew)**. 5. Our affection for the Word is creating **Wisdom (Philip)** inside of us. 6. And we have a greater level of **Discernment (Bartholomew)**. 7. We start to **Question (Thomas)** the validity of 'self' as we learn that we truly can trust the Lord. 8. This new trust causes an organic growth in our **Devotion (Matthew)**. 9. And our **Service (James the lessor)**. 10. We find ourself with new **Desires (Simon the Zealot)** for what is heavenly and wholesome. 11. Gratitude for our inner joy of life enables an organic response called **Praise (Judas son of James)**. 12. And we happily search out any underlying blockages to this process following which discoveries we then shun any negative states in **Repentance (Judas Iscariot)**. (Note -This list is taken from the book of Mark 3:14-19. In the other Gospels, the list appears in slightly different orders with a relevant meaning coming forth there.)

And he sent them [the apostles] to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. – regenerative states bring the healing, hope and power of the Kingdom of God.

And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. – the call to beware of the 'ego' and its desires to own and control what flows in from the Lord.

And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. – flexibility to stay with whatever spiritual processes or states are presenting themselves to the advancing soul.

And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. – rejection of any feeling, thought or state that opposes these Twelve gateways.

How often do we find ourselves moving along quietly and internally there is a consistent state such as contentment, peace, confidence, assurance, satisfaction etc. Suddenly there is an introduction into our state of something new like a thought or perhaps a new conversation with someone near us. At this moment, everything is disrupted and we experience a flood of different feelings, thoughts and mindsets. This may be positive or it may be negative and we need the adequate tools to discern these new states. Thus, the **Twelve** ways provided by the Lord can become our standard. For example, if the conversation you are engaged in is now filling you with overwhelming feelings of hopelessness, then **'James/Hope/Power'** may speak to you and remind you that God is Hope. In such a situation, we are instructed to *'shake off the very dust'* from our *'feet'* (external thoughts and mindsets) and to move back towards a state or 'way' that is conducive to spiritual life.

And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere. – evidence that one or more of these ways is at work inside the soul.

The Lord tells us in John 15 that if we 'abide' in Him then we assuredly will produce 'abundant' fruit in our lives. The very nature of spiritual fruit is that it heals our wounds, feeds our hunger, quenches our thirst, frees our enslavement, visits/addresses our burdens and estrangements.

Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; - a state of temptation wherein the 'ego' struggles with the invasion of power and life coming from the activation of the Twelve.

And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. – the murmurs, chatterings and lies of the false ego.

And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.- the false ego's rejection of the literal sense of the Word (John the baptist) now being confronted and exposed by the Power of the Inner Sense and the manifestation of the Twelve.

Sacred Text calls out to us to stay and abide in the Lord and His way to regeneration. This path holds such promise and hope of healing for all who will stay the course.

Christmas is a powerful time and opportunity to remember and celebrate the possibility of the Lord's birth into our lives. But beyond that grand event, it is also the Lord's growth into maturity and the calling of the Twelve Apostles which is essential to ensure and effect His salvation work. In a marvellous parallel way, following His advent into our lives, He is now summoning these Twelve again within us to affect the fullness of His everlasting Kingdom and all its treasures.

Conclusion

Sacred Text is full of unsearchable riches and at various times in our lives, the Lord desires to reveal some new aspect or facet so that we may advance towards His Holy City – The New Jerusalem. Our '***Lord Jesus Christ***' is the invisible God now made visible and He alone is the '***WAY***' to everlasting life. In manifold mercy and wisdom, that ***WAY*** is offered to us under the umbrella of the ***TWELVE – Faith, hope and love – Obedience, Wisdom and Discernment – self-examination, devotion and service – desire, praise and transformation.***

Right now and on into 2021, may you let the Lord lead you forward into the most exciting journey of all –

'A relationship with God'.

YOUR SOUL WARRIOR QUEST...

This month explore the TWELVE and chose one or two new virtues to seek and manifest in your life -

- 1. How often do you find yourself feeling a little lost as to 'how' you should move forward?*
- 2. What is an area in your life where you keep struggling but fail to find victory?*
- 3. What one aspiration you have always desired by never seemed to be able to achieve?*

May your times of self-reflection and transformation go well,
Rev Darren Brunne



FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY LUNCHES

We are greatly looking forward to resuming our tradition of celebrating together over lunch following first family Sunday Services.

As we move forward on this front, we continue to find conflicts in satisfying Covid19 compliancy. I suggest that we adopt (for the next short foreseeable future) a policy of BYO lunch so that we may resume this important time of fellowship. A sandwich and thermos of coffee or tea may be all that is required. Looking forward to being able to fellowship once again around the sharing of a meal...

Rev Darren Brunne

SACRED CIRCLE

UNLOCKING THE POWER OF SACRED LANGUAGE - 40 PARABLES

As we draw near to the last of forty parables (two to go – ‘the good shepherd’ & ‘Abiding in the Vine’), I’m now searching over the parables looking to categorise them into Seven groups – one for each of the seven days of the creation story. Thus, moving forward with Sacred Circle, our time of exploration over the parables will equip us with revelation and wisdom to help us move forward through any of the seven stages we may find ourselves in –

1. New Light to help us travel – **Day One** (light-bearer/lamp)
2. Power to separate from the ‘ego’ and observe – **Day Two** (Seer/eagle)
3. Re-engage with the ‘new’ earth. Same activity, new level – **Day Three** (traveller/map)
4. Receive special guidance – **Day Four** (navigator/compass)
5. Nurture, expand & cultivate our inner promise land – **Day Five** (Merchant/pearl)
6. Defend against and concur negative states within – **Day Six** (warrior/sword)
7. Relaxing into and delight in loving encounters – **Day Seven** (watchman/cup)

ABIDING IN THE VINE

MANIFESTATION SUNDAY – 100 VIRTUES

I would like to remind everyone about our third Sunday Service - the *Abiding in the Vine* project.

Each month we study a different virtue and focus in, especially for that month, on manifesting more of this virtue in our lives. We just finished the virtue **Forbearance** and in a few weeks (15th November) we will be working on **Forgiveness**.

This project allows us to focus in on **Day Three** spiritual work – ‘**New Earth**’ – re-engaging with daily life but from a higher plane of existence.

NOVEMBER FAMILY SERVICE – Sunday 1st

‘Adventures in the Apocalypse – *The City of Lights*’
is drawn from Chapter Twenty One of the book of Revelation.

DECEMBER FAMILY SERVICE – Sunday 6th

A Christmas Message and a BYO lunch afterwards

CHRISTMAS SERVICE – 10.30 on Sunday 20th (followed by lunch)

Carols and Pageant.

There will be a break for the month of January.

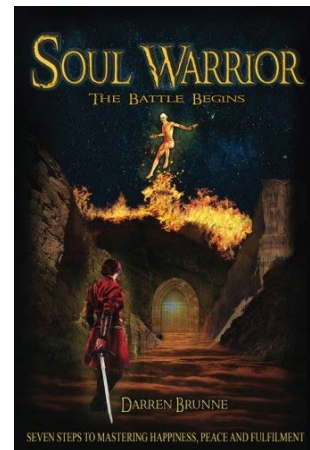
SOUL WARRIOR

Late in the year of 2017, I completed the novel 'Soul Warrior' in which you, the reader, are taken on a journey of discovery into the practice of spiritual warfare. Follow apprentice Mathetis on his own awakening as he learns to use the whole armour of God. You will be introduced into all seven stages of the armour through a part story, part parable approach. These seven pieces of armour support our journey through the Sacred Seven Days of the Creation Story.

You can purchase the book through Amazon for \$15.99 US

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or pick up a copy from our Brisbane Centre for \$20.00 when attending one of our services. Alternatively, you can contact me via drbrunne@gmail.com and I can post you a copy of 'Soul Warrior' for \$20 AUS + postage.



Birthdays

To all our friends celebrating birthdays throughout these months, we wish you birthday greetings and blessings.

November

5th Justin Keane, 8th Brian Heldon, 12th Xavier Brunne, 21st Gabrielle MacFarlane.

December

5th Mrs Erlinda Atwater, Max Fitzgerald, 8th Mrs Ruth Blom,
13th Allison Chambers, Felicity Lawler, 26th James Heldon, 27th Mark Fitzgerald
29th Darren Brunne.

January

6th Jacqueline Lawler, 7th Melody Brunne, 24th Lenore Sandow, 30th Lina Heldon, 30th Kaye Macfarlane.

CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

Our services are held 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays, at 10.30 a.m. at our Centre – 1/24 Railway Terrace, Dutton Park.
Always check the last page of the Calendar for services.

Pastor: Rev. Darren Brunne, contactable on 0421 319 252

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For activities on the Gold Coast contact Mrs Gaye Heldon on 0419 778 717 and **Mt Tamborine meetings** contact Darren on 042131 9252

Sunday School Coordinator:

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CALENDARS

Nov 2020

Sun 1st

1st SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE including **HOLY SUPPER**
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.
'Adventures in the Apocalypse'- Chap 21 – The City of Lights

Sun 8th

Sacred Circle, 10.30 a.m.

Sun 15th

Abiding in the Vine led by Rev. Brunne.

Fri 20th

Gold Coast Discussion Group at
Brian and Gaye Heldon's at 11 am.

Sun 22nd

Free for Home Church Visitation

Dec

Sun 6th

1st SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE including **HOLY SUPPER** led by
Rev. Brunne at 10:30 am

Christmas Sermon

Sun 13th

Sacred Circle, 10.30 a.m.

Fri 18th

Mt Tamborine Discussion Group via Zoom
Brian and Gaye Heldon's at 11 am.

Sun 20th

Abiding in the Vine led by Rev. Brunne at 10:30 am

Sun 27th

Free for phone contact

Feb

Sun 7th

1st SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE including **HOLY SUPPER**
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.
'Adventures in the Apocalypse Chapter 22 – The Tree of Life

Sun 14th

Sacred Circle, 10.30 a.m.

Fri 19th

Mt Tamborine Discussion Group via Zoom
Brian and Gaye Heldon's at 11 am.

Sun 21st

Abiding in the Vine by Rev. Brunne at 10:30 a.m.

Sun 28th

Free for phone contact