

PREFACE

*“Thank the man of God for going on to show us the application. He knows we are typical Singaporeans, always just parroting what we do not really understand. Thank the man of God for going to a deeper level to show us that it is not just a mere confession of who Christ is but it needs to arise from spiritual conviction. If there is conviction, where then is the fire and proof? I also thank the man of God for going further to show us this application in our days. What is the real test? Our rightful identification of Christ is seen when we identify who the servant of God is. It has all its bearing on our pastor. Pastor is very gracious to show us his calling and ministry from so many portions of the Scriptures. I have affirmed it many times but this message calls upon me to go beyond the superficial to be really honest and see how much I am convicted. We say the man of God is the Elijah of our times and is sent of God but why did I not listen fully to him many times? Why is there another spirit in me sometimes? Will I be faithful to the servant of God? I was shown the willingness of the disciples to follow Christ Yeshua but how many of us are willing to lay down our lives for the cause of the man of God, even for what God has called him for in these last days. Time will reveal our true colours. This message is very searching. I pray what I have affirmed so far may not be in the flesh. I know the Holy Spirit has attested this to me and I just pray for integrity to continually affirm it and not be a liar and traitor. I just can’t trust the depravity of my heart. May God have mercy on me. Like what pastor used to teach us to say, ‘I believe, help Thou my unbelief!’ Only time will tell where I stand. I thank the man of God for referring us to the prologue of John. He commented on the matter of ‘In Him was life...’ and he gave us the searching poser of why the darkness comprehended it not. It is because we are filled with evil spirits that is why we are unable to comprehend. It is more than just cultural strongholds. When we come to this infernal world where we were picked up from, it is scary to see the darkness that causes the repulsion to the light. Thank the man of God for moving on to speak from verses 9 to 11 about Christ coming to the world and the world received Him not. It is striking to hear that the worse sinners are those in the house of God! My life is not changed. My life is still carnal and earthly bound. The root cause is that **I am not regenerated**. This is all very probing to see my condition. I see my helplessness concerning the depravity of my heart I see that I am totally helpless because of the depravity of my heart. I see the frustration of the man of God and his wrath against our children. One by one pastor lashed out at the problems of the Nepali (men) that they are soft and effeminate, losing the manliness. Truly in these last of the last days, such manifestation is very clear. Pastor said that unless we are close to God, the evil spirits will molest us. Instead of Christ reigning over us, it is the evil spirits who possess us. The fearful thing is that it is taking place in the house of God, affecting those under the man of God. It shows our stubbornness and refusal to repent. These are really the realistic happenings. Only and until God quickens us, we are really hopeless. Thank the man of God for not giving up on us. He even explains why he has to be so harsh in addressing our sins. It is because he is fighting against the evil spirits hiding within us. Sometimes we are rid of the evil spirits for a while but then we go back to our sins and become more defiant. I felt reproved that the man of God has to reveal how we lack capacity to comprehend the depths of his message. Is he wasting all his efforts? These are all legitimate complaints. I see myself very guilty in this area. I pray this may awaken me. I pray I may not remain passive but that I may take positive steps to repent like a man. Having said all these, it is still our blessing to be under the ministry of the man of God. Every message is given from a fresh perspective. Can I capture what is fresh? Or is everything the same to me? I am frustrated with myself. God help me not to waste all these precious resources. It is because I come under the ministry of the man of God that I can enjoy this blessedness of being fed with the wealth of truth.” Response of Zephaniah Soh (Part 2, final) to pastor’s exposition on Yeshua Christ and The Identity Crisis, Part 2, John Bunyan House, Johor Baru, Malaysia; 30 October 2016 AD*