



Church – The Body of Christ The Teacher

The teacher another function mostly confused with the Word preacher (evangelist). To differentiate the two in a very simple way is the difference between a choreographer and a dancer. Both can dance, but the dancer can perform the steps much better than the choreographer and present it better to the people. But when it comes to new steps and doing the steps together in perfect harmony the choreographer plays a vital role.

Revelations or the inner meanings of the Word of God are given to all the parts of the church, because God talks to all. When it comes to the teacher, revelations are inherently built in him. The way the Lord teaches the teacher is different from the way the Lord teaches others. I being in the category of the teacher am experiencing this and am not able to fully express to you, but let me built the basic picture for you with scriptures.

In the Old Testament the teachers were the ones who explained the scriptures in the Synagogue. During those times there were more prophets than teacher, because the Word was still being given and the Word that was needed to heal mankind was completely given, the moment Jesus finished His preaching.

Mathew 26:1

¹And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings,

(Read Jesus the Ultimate Sacrifice Chapter 1)

The basic element of a teacher is the wisdom and knowledge of God (Read *Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding in Teachings - Spiritual Milk*).

In the Old Testament the person to identify with wisdom and knowledge was Solomon. Solomon knew he was a teacher.

Ecclesiastes 1

¹ The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

² "Meaningless! Meaningless!"

says the Teacher. ..

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men!

¹⁶ I thought to myself, "Look, I have grown and increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷ Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.

Solomon was first blessed with the wisdom and knowledge of the world then he realized that he still lacked them, therefore he again asked the Lord for the wisdom and knowledge of God. When you read the books of Solomon, if you have the wisdom and understanding you will find an ocean of revelations of the Heavenly Kingdom. Yet there are more to be found for the Word was not completely delivered so we still can hunt for the Heavenly treasures.

When we ask for the gifts it does not mean that we get all of it for we in this natural body can not hold even a glass of water, forget the ocean that God the Father has. Even the *fruit of the Holy Spirit* has been referred to as the *first fruits of the Holy Spirit* also called *token*. An initial payment (*first fruits*) made in advance for the large amount (*the fruits of the Holy Spirit*) which will be made later for the property (*our spirit*) when it will be transferred to the new owner (*God*).

Jesus was also blessed with the wisdom at a very small age and He grew in wisdom and knowledge of God.



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Luke 2

⁴⁰ And **the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.**

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⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, **sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.** ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Even Jesus as human did not possess all the fruit but as Lord, He is the only person in whom the fruit of the Holy Spirit is complete.

Colossians 2

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

Jesus was also a teacher; He gave true meanings of the scriptures written by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Matthew 22

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

until I put your enemies

under your feet." ⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

And we still continue making that same mistake without realizing the scriptures.

A Teacher according the Old Testament High Priest The Ephod.

Exodus 28

⁶ "Make the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen the work of a skilled craftsman (cunning work). ⁷ It is to have two shoulder pieces attached to two of its corners, so it can be fastened. ⁸ Its skillfully woven waistband is to be like it of one piece with the ephod and made with gold, and with blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and with finely twisted linen.

⁹ "Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel ¹⁰ in the order of their birth six names on one stone and the remaining six on the other. ¹¹ Engrave the names of the sons of Israel on the two stones the way a gem cutter engraves a seal. Then mount the stones in gold filigree settings ¹² and fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD. ¹³ Make gold filigree settings ¹⁴ and two braided chains of pure gold, like a rope, and attach the chains to the settings.

³¹ "Make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth, ³² with an opening for the head in its center. There shall be a woven edge like a collar around this opening, so that it will not tear. ³³ Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them. ³⁴ The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe. ³⁵ Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the LORD and when he comes out, so that he will not die.



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The Ephod (the teacher) was made of the same material as the breastplate (the apostle). He too was made precious, royal, and not free of sin yet having the righteousness of God. There was one difference between the two materials; it was the method of weaving (cunning work) Heb. chashab which means *weaving with precious stone embedded within*.

Precious stones symbolize revelations and they were inherently part of the teacher. The two shoulder pieces having two onyx stones were attached to one cloth. The onyx stones had the names of the Israelite trips engraved on them six on one and the remaining six on the other. The engraving was like a seal and the stones were mounted on gold filigrees that held it to the shoulder pieces. There was a gold chain connecting to two shoulder pieces.

Onyx stone is a precious stone with multi-colored layers. The multi-color represent knowledge all held in the precious stone which represents wisdom. In book of Revelations it is one of the stones that decorate the New Jerusalem. The stone even decorate Lucifer before his downfall.

On the Ephod were embroidered pomegranates and bells were attached alternately. A pomegranate is a fruit that is made of many small units which are like a fruit by themselves. Like the revelation that God gives of the Word, each is great by itself but are part of that truth that is yet to be revealed in whole. The gold bells symbolized the precious truth that sets us free. The Word of God does not say the Word will set you free but *'the truth will set you free'*, which means only when we understand the Word; it will set us free.

This symbolized that the teacher has the wisdom and knowledge of God and gives the teaching in parts yet their source is one and part of the truth. They wrote their teaching (engraved) and their teachings have a precious connection to each other (gold chains connecting each other).

This means when you read the teachings of the different teachers you will find them connecting to each other and together they will give a bigger and better picture of the Kingdom of God.

A Teacher according to the body part - The Neck and the Shoulder.

The Neck is the supply channel for the body. The shoulder is the part of the body that joins the hands (evangelist - the preacher) to the body; it is via the shoulder that the blood flows to the hands. It is the shoulder that carries a lot of the weight when a heavy object is to be lifted. Similarly it is the teacher who reveals the Word and makes it understandable and reaches out to the people via the preacher.

The teacher is connected to the apostle and to the preacher. Even with me, my connection to a brother who has been called to be an apostle (*the one who helps me*) is very close.

The Teacher in the New Testament

Other than Jesus there are three other teachers that I know of in the New Testament and they are the ones who wrote the Gospels. They are Matthew, Mark and Luke. If you study the four Gospels you will find a great difference between the three and the Gospel according to John. John was an Apostle and as an apostle he gave Spiritual milk, therefore most people find it easy to read the Gospel of John then the others. It is not that the Gospel does not have revelations. In fact the five lines themselves are a great revelation.

John 1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.



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³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

In the other Gospels the revelations are deep within and are in plenty, but we need to dig and dig to reach to them unlike in John you can get them easily. All three were learned people unlike John, who was an uneducated fisherman. John narrated and someone else wrote the Gospel therefore the Gospel was complete after John died.

Matthew was a government official, he was a tax collector, Mark's name was actually John and was the son of Mary, who used to have sharing of the Word at her house and Luke was a Physician. All wrote from teachings they heard and from witness. Unlike Mark and Luke, Matthew and John had more access to Jesus' teachings directly, while Mark and Luke wrote only from what they received from the Apostles particularly Paul. For Paul was one apostle who did not meet Jesus (*in human*), but received the Word directly from the Lord (*in Spirit*). Paul was an apostle and not a teacher and did not completely understand the Word that was given to him. He like the other apostles took the teachers along with them on long trips to share and understand as they went about preaching.

2 Timothy 4

⁹Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

Mark and Luke used to join Paul and Barnabas on their trips. Mark deserted them in between therefore the Gospel of Mark is not complete like the Gospel of Luke.

Acts 15

³⁶Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

Thus if you look the maximum revelations are in the Gospel according to Luke.

All the letters and epistles written by Paul, Peter, John, James and Jude are explanations and revelations revealed to them sometimes via the teachers. These are from the teachings of Jesus and from the scriptures written by Moses and the other prophets. You will be surprised to know that in many places Paul did not write the complete revelation but only part of it. So if God has blessed you with the wisdom and knowledge dig and dig into the Bible for there is a whole lot of treasure yet to be found.