

8. OUR VISION

(a) Proverbs 29:18; Habakkuk 1:5 God has called us together for a PURPOSE. It is necessary for you to understand the VISION from God's Servant so that you can play your part.

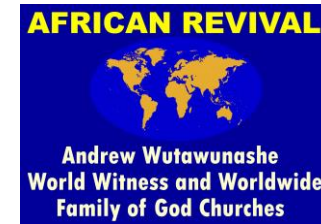
(b) Isaiah 54 God showed Apostle Andrew Wutawunashe five pillars on which our vision should be based, based on is Isaiah 54.

- I. BEAR CHILDREN (bring people to salvation) Isaiah 54:1
- II. BUILD THE CHURCH (tent) Isaiah 54:2
- III. GROWTH (enlargement) Isaiah 54:2-3
- IV. Establishment (buildings, equipment) Isaiah 54:2 (Place your tent)
- V. Alertness against opposition and willingness to pay the cost of fulfilling the VISION. Isaiah 54:15-17

(c) Isaiah 60:1-61 Matt. 28:18-20 It is also part of the VISION to take the ends of the earth with our light and further the world to us in camps, crusades etc.

(d) The VISION calls for your understanding, commitment, prayer and

ACTIVE SUPPORT. Hab. 2:2; Heb. 13:18; Phil. 4:15-19



WORLDWIDE FAMILY OF GOD CHURCHES SHEPHERDING SCHOOL NOTES

As you put a 'found sheep' upon your shoulders, you need to lead them to a full understanding of the following subjects within the first month of your contact with them.

1. THE WAY OF SALVATION
2. BENEFITS OF SALVATION
3. THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES
4. THE HOLY GHOST, BAPTISM AND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT.
5. SERVING AND WORSHIPING GOD
6. THE CHURCH, DIVINE ORDER
7. THE FAMILY OF GOD – OUR WAYS
8. OUR VISION

This booklet represents a summary of scriptures on the subjects. Master these scriptures and teach them these basics to the new disciple. Lead them into practising these things.

"Go into all nations and make disciples of people" Matthew 28:19

1. THE WAY OF SALVATION

THE PROBLEM – People are born under SIN, JUDGEMENT, DEATH AND OPPRESSION BY SATAN. Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23; Rom.5:12; Heb. 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15.

THE SOLUTION – God provided in His Son Jesus Christ the ONLY WAY to be saved and freed from these things: Romans 5:8; Isaiah 53:4-6; John 14:6; John 3:8; Acts 4:12.

WHAT MUST I DO? When you believe in Jesus and what He did for you when He suffered and died on the cross and you decide to REPENT of your sins and RECEIVE the RISEN JESUS you receive eternal life. You receive Him by CALLING on His name.

John 3:16; 2 Cor.7:10; Romans 10:9-13; Isaiah 55:6-7;

Repentance is necessary.

ASSURANCE: You are assured of your salvation by FAITH and FAITH ALONE i.e. believing God's promises: Eph.2:8-9; (1John 5:11-13) John 6:37; Titus 1:2.

MEMORY VERSES: Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 6:37

2. BENEFITS OF SALVATION

(What you received when you gave your life to Christ)

(a) You were BORN AGAIN i.e. you became spiritually alive. John 3:3;

1 Pet.1:23; Eph.2:1-2

(b) You were ADOPTED you have a new identity as a child of God. John 1:12; Romans 8:15, 17. You are a part of the Family of God, the Church. Eph. 2:19.

(c) You were FORGIVEN **ALL** your sins. Isaiah 1:18; Heb.8:12; 1John 1:9; John 5:24. You received Christ's righteousness. 2 Cor.5:21; Phil.3:9; Rom.5:1; Rom.8:1

(d) You received eternal life i.e. the life of God and a new nature. Rom.6:23; John 3:16; Eph.2:1-22; 2Cor.5:17; Ezek.36:26-27; 1 John 5:12-13.

(e) You were REDEEMED from all Satan's power-SIN, SICKNESS, OPPRESSION, POVERTY, DARKNESS etc. 1 Peter 1:18-19; Gal.3:13-14; Isaiah 53:1-6; 1Peter 2:24; 2 Cor. 8:9. Col. 1:13-14 A NEW CREATURE

MEMORY VERSES: John 1:12; Hebrews 8:12; 1Peter 1:18-19

7. THE FAMILY OF GOD: OUR WAYS IN THE LORD

a. Ephesians 3:15; 1 Peter 2:9; 1Timothy 5v1, 2.

Our Church is called the FAMILY OF GOD CHURCH (Ephesians 3v15) to reflect God the Father's design that His children, those who have received Christ, are His family, and should relate to one another in love and unity as a family - the Family of God. We regard our elders as fathers and mothers and our peers as brothers and sisters. Because the Lord raised our Church in Africa and then sent us to the rest of the world, we are also known as the AFRICAN REVIVAL and the WORLDWIDE FAMILY OF GOD CHURCHES. (Matthew 28v18-30)

b. Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3v10-11; 1 Peter 5v4:

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST is the foundation and Lord of our Church.

c. Galatians 1v8; 2Timothy 3v15-17; Matthew 15v9; James 1v22: Our worship, teaching, preaching, practices and way of life are based on the Word of God, not on religious traditions.

d. Ephesians 2v20; 1 Corinthians 3v10-11; Galatians 1v15, 16; Joshua 1v1-9; Acts 26v16-20:

The Founder and Leader of our Church, our spiritual father, is Apostle / Prophet Andrew Wutawunashe. The Lord called him in 1975, telling him "I AM CALLING YOU. GO OUT AND PREACH MY WORD. TELL THE UNBELIEVERS THAT THERE IS GOD. GO OUT AND PREACH MY WORD AND I WILL BLESS YOU." To reflect this Apostolic calling, our umbrella body is called ANDREW WUTAWUNASHE WORLD WITNESS.

e. Proverbs 30v24-28; Romans 12:

As you seek to worship and serve the Lord in the Family of God Church, be involved in the following things:

- i. Sunday and mid-week church services. Hebrews 10v25.
- ii. Home Group meetings. Acts 20v20; Acts 5v42.
- iii. Prayer Meetings. Acts 3v1.
- iv. Conventions. Nehemiah 4v19, 20.
- v. Serving God (playing your part in bringing others to Jesus and in building the Church). According to your gifts (interest, ability, talent or skill), there are five departments or TASK FORCES, one of which you can prayerfully choose to serve God together with others in. These are:

- OUTREACH (witnessing and shepherding).
- WORSHIP AND ARTS (worship team, choir, band, arts).
- ECONOMY (raising and giving money and resources).
- PROTOCOL (hospitality, ushering, catering, communications).
- LOGISTICS (technical things, equipment, transport and all practical arrangements).

6. THE CHURCH AND DIVINE ORDER

(a) You have come to be part of the FAMILY OF GOD the Church, Tabernacle or House that God is building through us. It is also God's army. Eph.3:14-15; Isaiah 4:6-7; 2 Tim.2:3; Matt.16:18

(b) You must not live to yourself, but love God's people. John 13:34; Acts 2:41-42, 46. Become a part of God's building – the Church.

(c) The Church, God's family and army is a place of RELATIONSHIPS and Order.

(i) God is your FATHER, Christ is our HEAD, Lord and Chief Shepherd.

(ii) God set Apostles and Prophets in the Church to pioneer His work and be spiritual fathers to us and our leaders. Eph.2:20; 1 Cor.12:28.

(iii) God set Pastors and elders in the church to be Shepherds to us in the local Church and teach us God's word and lead us in God's service. 1Tim.5:17; Acts 20:17,28.

(iv) God set the flock in the Church to be brethren and also to have a natural respect for people older than ourselves. 1Tim.5:1-2; Rom.1:13; Heb.2:11.

(v) God set spiritual mothers in the Church to be mothers and also teach younger women. Romans 16:13; Titus 2:4-5. John 19:27

(vi) God expects you to have a spirit of loyalty, honour, submission and sonship to those in spiritual authority over you. 2Tim.2:1; Heb.13:17-18 Pray for your leaders.

(vii) God set ministries in the Church to equip you to serve Him.

Eph. 4:11-12.

(viii) The Apostolic ministry is a foundation and source of unity for God's children. Relate to the Apostle as a son. 1 Cor.4:15-17

3. YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES:

2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:4-5

When you received Christ you started a New Life, the God kind of life. This life calls you to certain responsibilities.

(a) God has changed your NATURE (regeneration Titus 3:5-6) SEPARATE yourself from the old life of sin and live a HOLY life i.e. a life according to God's Word (Rom. 6:1-4) Gal. 5:19-24. Separate yourself from influences and friendships which may lead you back to sin. Get rid of signs of Satan's rule in your life e.g. burn things of witchcraft and false religion and right wrong where possible. Acts 12:18-20; Heb. 12:14.

(b) Develop a personal relationship with God i.e. PRAY privately and READ and STUDY God's Word. 1 Thess.5:17; Matt. 6:6-13 (Worship, Consecration, Confession of sin, supplication and intercession, spiritual warfare, thanksgivings as a form of prayer. 2 Tim.3:15-17; Heb.4:12; 2 Tim.2:15; Psalm 119:7

WAYS OF STUDY:

1. Read chapter to chapter prayerfully – beginning with the Gospel of John.

2. Study at least a chapter or 15 verse portion a day seeking the following answers. WHAT DO I LEARN:

(i) About God Father Son and Holy Ghost.

(ii) About who I am in Christ

(iii) About the major doctrines of the Bible e.g. Salvation, Holy Spirit, Holiness etc.

(iv) Is there a promise I can claim?

(v) Is there a command I can obey or something in which I must change? Practise the Word you learn. James 1:22

(c) Attend church and become part of all activities of God's people. Heb.10:25; Psalm 84:10. You are called to the FAMILY OF GOD CHURCH. Eph.3:14-15; 1Pet. 2:9-10. Be baptized in water. Matt.28:18-20.

(d) Tell others about Jesus and the salvation we have in HIM i.e. WITNESS. Luke 24:46-48| Daniel 12:3; Prov. 11:30

(e)Begin to SERVE GOD with your substance i.e. tithes and offerings. Mal.3:8-10; Proverbs 3:9-10

4. HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM AND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

(a)Our God is a TRINITY i.e. One God in Three persons. Matt.3:16-17; 2Corinthians 13:14

(b)You belong to the Father, the Son died for you and the Holy Spirit works in your life in salvation and God wants to fill you with the Holy Spirit for the purpose of giving you power to live and to serve God.

Titus 3:5	Acts 1:8	Romans 8:26-27
Acts 2:1-4	John 14:15-18; 23	John 16:7-14
1Cor. 14:2-5	Jude 20	Acts 2:38-39
Luke 11:9-13		

How to receive the Holy Spirit.

Ask – (Luke 11:13)

Believe and give thanks (Mark 11:24)

Begin to speak in tongues. (Acts 2:4)

(c)The Holy Spirit comes into your life as a Helper, Leader and Friend.

Live your life in communion (friendship), obedience (leader) and dependence (helper)on the Holy Spirit.

Zech.4:6	2 Cor. 13:14	Romans 8:26
1 Cor. 12	Gal.5:22-25	Romans 8:14

Let the character of the Holy Spirit come in through your life, as well, desire the abilities or gifts which the Holy Spirit gives.

5. SERVING AND WORSHIPING GOD

(a)You are saved to be a WORSHIPER of the Father. John 4:23-24

True salvation yields RIGHTEOUSNESS and PRAISE. Isaiah 61:11

Worship is individual and corporate. Psalm 108:3-5; Psalm 150; Acts 2:47

Worship from the heart with your life, actions and words (singing, speaking to God). Ephesians 5:18-20.

Worship and sing in the spirit 1Cor.14:15. Worship is verbally acknowledging who God is to you, His character and what He can do, His works and thanking Him for what He has done. Romans 1:19-21.

(b)You are also saved that as a son you may SERVE GOD your Father in His house- the CHURCH. The Christian Life is a life of RESPONSIBILITY. It is important that you find your place as a labourer in God's House. Matt.9:37; Mal.3:16-18.

Serve Him in these areas:

WITNESSING, TITHES AND OFFERINGS, PRAYER, HELPING wherever needed. SERVE HIM also according to your talents.

Group yourself with people who serve God. Rom. 12:1-15.

MEMORY VERSES : Matt. 9:37-38; John 4:23-24