

UP! Day 3 Grow UP Offer UP 7/7/21

Review- God wants us to answer His invitation to UP! **Rev 4:1-2** "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately I was in the Spirit;

Fact- God has always called His people UP! Up in Spirit, up in observation and up in understanding!

UP! is dimensional not merely directional. UP! is above our earthly, natural, fallen ways and wisdom. UP! is higher, higher in spirit, observation and understanding!

Prov 15:24- the way of life winds upward for the wise. That he might turn away from hell below.

Phil 3:14- press toward the upward call of God in Christ.

Today- if we are going to answer the invitation to UP! **We're going to have to Grow Up! and Offer Up!**

Grow Up- **Eph 4:15** but, speaking the truth in love, grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

a) **2Pe 1:3-8** as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

b) faith- saving faith and trust in Jesus- beginning of journey, not destination!

c) virtue- valor, moral excellence, purity of character

d) knowledge- in the word, will, ways of God

e) self-control- mastering your desires, passions and sensual appetites- a fruit of the Spirit.

f) perseverance- cheerful endurance, patient continuance, steadfastness

g) godliness- piety, holiness, reverence

h) brotherly kindness- love for the family of God

i) love- affection, benevolence, good will

Guarantee- never barren or unfruitful- you'll grow up!

Offer Up- **1Pe 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

a) It is called sacrifice, not because it makes an offering for sin, but because sacrifice is of the nature of worship.

b) **Heb 13:15** Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

c) **Jn 4:23** the Father is looking for those who worship in spirit and truth.

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