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“Three Dimensions of A Complete Life”

(Excerpts from The Sermon)

Special Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance

“The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.”
~Revelation 21:16 (NASB)

John the Revelator, imprisoned on a lonely obscure island called Patmos was deprived of almost every freedom except the freedom to think. So he thought about many things. He thought about the old political order and its tragic incompleteness and its horrible injustices. He thought about the old Jerusalem and its superficial piety and its perfunctory ritualism. But in the midst of his agonizing vision of the old, John also had a glorious vision of something new and great. He saw a new and holy Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God.

The most noble thing about this new heavenly city was its completeness, radiant as daybreak ending the long night of stagnating incompleteness. It would not be partial or one-sided, but complete in all three of its dimensions. In describing the city, John says, “The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.” This new city of God would not be an unbalanced entity with towering virtues on one side and degrading vices on the other; it would be complete on all sides.

...Give your life—all you have and are – to the God of the universe whose purpose changeth not. Where do we find this God? In a test tube, No. Where else except in Jesus Christ, the Lord of our lives? By knowing Him we know God. Christ is not only Godlike but God is Christlike. Christ is the word made flesh. He is the language of eternity translated in the words of time. If we are to know what God is like and understand his purposes for mankind, we must turn to Christ. By committing ourselves absolutely to Christ and his way, we will participate in that marvelous act of faith that will bring us to the true knowledge of God... AMEN.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

