



NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND

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OF THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS

SEEING WITH A DOVE'S EYES

The purpose of both creation and redemption is that we might have an intimate relationship with Jesus. It is not surprising, therefore, that there would be one book in the Bible which depicts this. That book is the Song of Solomon. It is probably based on a true story. A young Shulamite woman worked in the vineyards of Solomon, and then one day they set eyes upon each other. It was love at first sight. From that moment on it was no longer the work but the King Himself who was her passion and focus in life.

This beautiful book describes the deep, intimate feelings of love they had for the other. It uses words and expressions which we can use when we think of our relationship with Jesus, just like we sometimes use language from the Psalms when we pray.

Dove's eyes

One of the things the King says to His beloved is, 'You have dove's eyes' (Sol.1:15). Dove's eyes have fixed field focus; they can only focus on one thing at a time. Usually it is their mate! Once a dove sees something or someone who captures its attention its eyes are trained on that object. It is undistracted from this focal point.

Solomon repeats this phrase in chapter 4:1: 'You have dove's eyes.' And then further on he says, 'You have ravished my heart with one look of your eyes' (Sol.4:9). Think about that for a moment. Jesus is overwhelmed with emotion by a believer or a church who momentarily gazes upon Him. Just one look in His direction fills Him with joy! Then what about a church that is totally Christ-focused? Imagine a church that only sings about Jesus, only preaches about Him, always depends on Him with childlike simplicity and faith, and has an all-consuming desire to know Him more and to make Him known?

This is a picture of the glorious Church as portrayed by the Shulamite. In a similar way that a dove fixes its gaze on its mate with binocular vision, undistracted by what is taking place on the sidelines, so we desire to keep our eyes on Jesus. It's all about Him.

Winds of doctrine

Looking back over the several decades of my Christian life I see an unmistakable pattern in the Church. Periodically a new wind of doctrine will blow in and capture the attention of multitudes. They will run like a herd in the direction of this latest doctrine, phenomenon or ministry emphasis. Then, another wind will blow in and everyone will be taken up with that fad and run in that direction until the momentum dies and the next wind blows in.

I confess that I too used to jump on the bandwagon and get caught up with every 'latest and greatest' thing that was happening in the Church scene. But now, when something new is trending I simply ask: Is this focused on Jesus? Will it teach me more about the riches of His grace? Will it help me to know Him more intimately? If not, I am not interested. I only have eyes for Him.

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