

What is the church? What is the true message of Christ? We could ask those questions from two perspectives. One, from the perspective of the unbelieving world. Second, from the perspective of modern Christians.

The world has seen a weak, powerless church, where virtually none of the works of Jesus are being demonstrated as they were in the four gospels and the book of Acts. When the world sees modern “Christians” who drink, cheat, lie, and watch pornography, they see little difference between these “Christians” and themselves. The world considers the church, and Christianity, as just one of many “religions” such as Buddhism, Islam, and others. To much of the world, Christianity is simply not relevant to modern times. It was not so in Bible times.

**Act 17:6b These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.**

Real Christianity makes an impact on the world that cannot be denied. The gospel is to be presented, not in word only, but in demonstration of the Spirit and in power. [1 Cor 2:4] The world may hate the true message of Christ, but the church is to preach that message in full demonstration anyway, in order that some will believe and be saved. Jesus, through His church, is on the same mission He has always been on:

**Luk 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

What about the perspective of modern Christians? For the most part the church is seen as the “be nice club” that you join in order to go to heaven. Don’t get me wrong; I thank God for every single person who hears the message of Christ crucified, and who genuinely gets born again. Thank God for each and every one. But even among the genuinely saved, the true message of Christ has been so watered down in modern times that the people struggle with fleshly sins most of their life ... sins that should have been dealt the death blow immediately after being saved.

Because of the weak doctrine taught in the modern church, not only is there very little power for the people to walk a holy lifestyle, but there are very few demonstrations of power by the Holy Spirit ... such as healing the sick, casting out devils, and so forth. I often wonder what Jesus thinks when He watches our modern church services. After the worship, after the offering, after the sermon ... Jesus must wonder ... when are you going to heal the sick? When are going to cast out devils and unclean spirits? When are the blind going to see? When will the lame walk and the deaf hear? All of these things were NORMAL in the meetings Jesus held, and in the meetings we read about in the book of Acts. How seldom is anything like that seen in modern church services.

There is a rising tide of hunger among a remnant of seeking Christians in this day and hour. By His grace, God is allowing a dissatisfaction with the status quo of the church. The Spirit of God is calling the bride of Christ to come away and spend time with Him like never before in this generation. We all know from scripture there is so much more available to us in our inheritance as God’s children than we are currently possessing.

The Lord has been saying the year 2022 will be a year of possession. The type and shadow from the Old Testament is when Israel finally crossed over the Jordan river to possess the Promised Land. But notice ... God had given His people the Promised Land by grace, but the land had to be possessed by warfare! The first group of Israelites who came out of Egypt were too afraid to go to war against their enemies. Fear produced by lack of faith in what God had said, caused them to never possess the land. During the years of hardship in the wilderness, God was preparing the next generation, a people who would believe God's Word, and were willing to go to war against the enemies of God.

For years in our generation, God has been preparing a remnant in the church for the warfare that is ahead of us. The true message of Christ will be heralded from pulpits across the land with the fire and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that will purge His people from their sin, their apathy, and their lack of anointing. Our God is a consuming fire. [Heb 12:29] The conviction of the Holy Ghost will not only bring the church to her knees in repentance but will also convict the world of sin so they can repent, come to Christ, and be saved by the blood of the Lamb.

Warfare is never pleasant at the time. But victory is sweet once the land has been conquered. We are in the edge waters of the greatest revival since the book of Acts. The true message of Christ is about to be presented as it should be ... in truth, demonstration of the Spirit, and in power. The church is about to be seen for what it truly is, people who have been reborn as children of the living God. People who do not fear. People who are not of this world. People who are strong in faith and who will possess the inheritance God has given them.

Be encouraged. You were born for such a time as this.

Your co-laborer for Christ,

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