

# **The Church, The Whole Church, and Nothing But The Church, So Help Us, God- Part 8**

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I think it pays to watch the news a little right now, and pay attention to what's going on. It's time for the Church really to rise up and pay attention, so you can refute those claims that you hear.

What is happening in that little country Israel over there affects the entire world in a huge way. Be paying attention to those things. And keep on praying for the peace of Jerusalem. I'm praying this: *"Lord, I'm committed to, and agreeing with, Your end time plan, however it plays out"*.

The Church has not risen to its God proclaimed, its God-purposed prominence like it's supposed to. If the Church doesn't rise up, and rise up quickly, the human race is in for some dark, dark, dark times.

It's required that you, as people of God, get filled with the Spirit, that you walk in the Spirit, that you be led by the Spirit. That you live in the Spirit. There's no substitute for that. You can do it. The question is, will you?

The true Church needs to rise up, and it needs to come to attention, get on the same page with Jesus.

I can tell you this, I don't know what to do unless God shows us. I don't want agenda to come to take the place of Him speaking. It would be a cheap, phoney substitute for what God wants to do. So, I'm just saying, *"God, I don't know anything"*.

Twice this week, I sat down on my porch and said, *"Lord, it's me again. I don't know anything"*. And God just starts talking to me. He'll do the same thing with you, if you spend some time where it's just you and Him. There's really no substitute for that.

What we've been talking about for all these years, is actually happening now, so there's never been a better time to get born again. *"Now is the time of salvation"*.

This One Church mentality, this One Church mindset in Christ. It's biblical! There's neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, rich or poor, black or white, Baptist or Pentecostal. We're all one in Christ. We're all on the same team.

That spirit of competition that exists in the body of Christ has to go, because God can't do what He wants to do if we are all separated.

The Church, worldwide, is not as good as God can make it. A church that gets its direction from the Lord is desperate to hear God for everything. *"Lord God, if You don't go before us, we're not going to go"*.

God's not looking for a congregation. He's looking for a family. If He were looking for something other than family, He would have called Himself something other than Father. We're a family of people.

I keep hearing this every week from the Lord, "*The Church, not just Trinity, has an opportunity in our region for God to use us as an example to the whole world, and how He wants the church to be.*" That's our job, is to lift Him up. If He's high and lifted up, He will draw all people unto Him.

We talk about family, power of God, grace, the Kingdom and the poor. Equipping the Saints. That's what I'm doing today, is equipping you for the work of the ministry. Until the Church worldwide buys into that principle, the church will never be the Church that it is supposed to be.

The saints. That's what you are, is a saint. That's what the Bible calls you. Get your life and your conduct in line with what the Bible says about you. You don't have to be prideful or arrogant about it. Just start to act like you understand the call of God on your life. Nothing will bring about spiritual growth any greater than when people get the revelation of that, and buy into that, and start to walk in that.

After all these years, we still have other churches referring people who need help to us. It's one of the DNA characteristics of our household, is that people see us as someone who will help. That's a good thing. That's kind of like Jesus was.

We are a John the Baptist company of people. What we have in common with John the Baptist is, his mandate from God was to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. "*Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand*", was his key message.

In John 3:30, John the Baptist said, "*As He increases, I must decrease*". John was preparing a way for the coming of the Lord in the natural. We're preparing the way for the coming of the Lord in His Church. He's coming, literally, again. He's going to come in His Church first.

So you have to be paying attention to what's going on. Don't be caught looking somewhere else. Pay attention! How you do that on an individual basis is that you throw the doors open on your heart, and say, "*Lord, have at it*".

You are a lot more like Jesus than you used to be, as long as you're still moving in the process of being conformed into the image of Jesus.

I don't know when He's coming back, but I'm not going to stand around worrying about it, and trying to figure it out, because the Bible says nobody knows the day or the hour. So you can chase your tail if you want to. He's coming, and how it happens is, you open the doors of your heart and say, Lord, have at it. And the Church, you individually and us corporately, we start to be like Jesus.

What God is doing in you is giving you a clearer picture of what the Church is, what the Church was supposed to look like, what the Church is supposed to do, and how the Church handles all these challenges that are in our society and culture now.

All the stuff in the world, it's just insane. And you think, "*well, what does the Church have to do with that*"? Everything! It was God's plan from the very beginning that the Church be the organism to cancel out all that the enemy, all that the world, the flesh and the devil is trying to throw at us.

If you don't see how important the Church is in the whole scheme of the world issues, you'll never be able to see your significance in it. You're more important to the plan and the purpose of God that you can ever understand.

The awakening is here, but the church is asleep. And the thing about is, don't **you** be asleep. Wake up. Wake up. I'm talking to your spirit.

If you don't understand and get a revelation of how important the Church is, you won't find your significance and you won't find your place, in the body of Christ.

Paul said more than once, *"I, Paul, an apostle..."* God is moving on the hearts of people whom He has His hand on to be apostles (modern day apostles), prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

Did you know you're righteous if you're born again? What has been birthed in you is a seed of righteousness. Bob Mumford says this, *"All the DNA of the oak tree is in the little tiny acorn"*.

In Philippians 3:10, *"that I may know Him"*. I said this a while back, *"I'm more interested in telling you who you are, teaching you who you are, than what you should do"*. When you hear stuff like this, the Spirit of God expounds that in your spirit, and you become what the Word says that you are.

Paul's message was grace. Every letter that Paul wrote starts and ends something like this, *"Grace and peace be multiplied to you greatly"*. And everything he said was contained in the bookends of Grace.

There's a lot of controversy out there about grace. Our household is criticized by people who don't see grace like we see grace. But someone had this quote, *"If you want to make people mad, preach the law. If you want to make people furious, preach grace"*. *"This seems too good to be true"*. At that point, you're starting to get a handle of what Grace really is. It's better than you realize it is.

Paul was an architect of the Church. Every single thing he wrote was to the church at that point in time, with the exception of the last four letters, which was to someone who would carry on, handing it off to someone else. And Paul's dream, I believe, was to hand it off to people who would take it to a whole other level.

That's our dream around here, with children's ministry and the youth ministry. So that's what's happening with these kids. They are getting the values of this house established in them, so they can come along after we're gone and do what we do, only better.

It's more important right now than ever before, that you make some quick moves, then get in your place. Find out how you're gifted and anointed by finding a place in the household where there's something that needs to be done. If you see this as a family, it you're taking seriously the things we talk about, then you will start trying things out.

You know, they say, *"If you want to leave your print in concrete, you have to do it while the concrete is wet"*. If you want to make a mark on someone in your life, the best place to do it is right in the children's classes on Sunday mornings, or the Kid's programs on Wednesday nights.

The Church is the only organism on the whole planet, in every generation, that God has given the authority, the God-given right, the supernatural power, the mandate and responsibility, to do it.

God pulls you into a deeper level of faith. He's going to quicken your heart to these things that we're talking about, and the urgency of what God is doing in the earth, and the reality that you're an important, vital, key part of that.

God's putting people who will listen and pay attention and submit to Him totally. He's putting them on the fast track of growth, favor and blessing.

One of the things that's going to happen a lot in the body of Christ is there's going to be reconciliation where there's been problems, heartbreak, unforgiveness and offense, to make things right.