

# The Church, The Whole Church, and Nothing But The Church, So Help Us, God- Part 3

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Knowing what the church is and where the church is right now, is so important, because you are part of the only organism on the planet that God has given the authority and power to cooperate with Him as the Kingdom of God is implemented and advanced here on earth.

By God's own design, He won't reach over the church to do what He's given the church the authority and power to do.

There is an awakening in the land, and if you're not seeing it, you're not looking. In it's early stages, the awakening is here, but the church is asleep. The church in the world is somewhat asleep. It's a word for the church to wake up to the seriousness of the times.

Are you going through some of the greatest challenges that you've ever been through in your life? Because a lot of people are. You need to keep your eyes open on all fronts, because the work that God is doing now is in your heart. Think about it for yourself.

If you're not going through some of the most serious times in your life, with challenges that go to the very depth and core of your whole being, I would be a little bit concerned, because that's what the Lord is doing.

We've never really seen the church in America, or in the world, be what it's supposed to be.

I try to get the correct news. I suggest you check out the Epoch Times. That's a great place to get straight up news, without any slant either way. It will help you figure out what's going on.

Deception is at an all-time high. And the only guarantee you have to not be deceived is to walk in the Spirit. It's a time where drawing near to the Lord and being led by His Spirit is not just a luxury, but now it's become a necessity for the people of God.

Religious persecution is coming to a town near you. It's coming, it's brewing, and the enemy is going to make sure that there will be persecution that comes against the church.

Nothing right now is any more important than your time with the Father. You have gotten pretty good at hearing the Lord on the run, in the process of your day. But, there's still no substitute for taking time aside and spending time with the Father. God is in a really, really talkative mood, and He's really, really generous with His presence. Wise people know what to do with that.

Most of the time, I'm going to the Lord with absolutely no agenda. I just have an open heart and an open mind, paying attention and learning to close out the distractions.

We talk about the awakening, and there's all kinds of indicators of that. One is an unusual, incredible amount of people coming to the Lord. Second; some of the ministry will be done here in the church but the bulk of it will be done out there by equipped believer or saints (YOU). It's important that you get that.

During my quiet times with Him, I say this. *“I don’t know anything. And I don’t know where to go from here”*. Unless the Lord goes before us, we won’t know what to do. That makes you get your ear to the rail, and pay attention to what it is that God is saying. Then He’s going to give us as much as we will be faithful with.

There are a lot of things that I know are going to happen here, and the clock is ticking for people like us.

I believe that this season could be the greatest awakening that the world has ever seen. Maybe we’ll ever see. I’m approaching it that way. You’ve noticed there’s a lot more seriousness, a little more urgency, in what I’ve been talking about up here.

You really have authority. You can either let that set there dormant and not do anything with it, or you can start moving in authority. And when you start moving in the authority that God’s giving you, and listening to the voice of God and what God is saying to you, then the power of God is on you to do what God has called you to do.

*“But who do you say that I am?”* And I say, that is probably the most important question that will ever be posed to you, or mankind. Who do YOU say that Jesus is?

*My definition of the church. “The church is an ever changing, ever evolving, supernatural, called out, victorious Kingdom family of like minded believers in Jesus, working together and known for their love for one another. Bonded together by the common thread of agape love and the unity of the Holy Spirit, who are commissioned and empowered by the Father with the authority to propagate and spread the good news, by communicating and demonstrating signs and wonders to the world, and to carry out the perfect will of Jesus. To co-labor with Him as He establishes His Kingdom in the earth, and it’s always marked by transformed lives”*.

It’s a time for church leaders around the world to get really, really serious. It’s time for leaders to lead and fathers to father.

I would say that there’s a big percentage of leaders around the world, church leaders, who are not on the same page with what God is doing today. It’s not criticism, it’s an observation.

One of the things that happens when you take that time with the Lord, is that you don’t have an agenda, but you just allow the Lord to speak if He wants to speak, or don’t worry if He doesn’t. If you’re not hearing God, well, maybe you’re not taking enough time to do it, maybe God’s not saying what you want Him to say. Or, the other thing is, if you’re not hearing the Lord, maybe you haven’t made it a priority.

Once you’re born again, the Spirit of God is in you, to help you. It sets the old radar for what God’s saying, and you’re the people that God wants to talk to.

The world is experiencing a tremendous upheaval like I’ve never seen before, that probably has never happened before. Have you noticed that? Well, wake up to that. Nothing can steady the chaos that’s going on in the world right now, but the Church.

This move of God, this season that we’re in, the things that God is doing now, is going to take a greater level, a greater degree of leadership, than we’ve experienced or walked in before. It’s requiring more of us now. And if leaders don’t walk in this stuff we’re talking about, nobody else is going to.

There's a real push, and it's totally demonic at the root of it, to discredit the church. It's working, because people don't really trust the church much anymore. Persecution is coming to a town near you. It's going to happen, and we need to pay attention.

There is such a spirit of compromise in the world right now, and in the church. There's a spirit of compromise that God is going to deal with swiftly and harshly. It's serious news, but it's good news.

Are you experiencing challenges that are as great, or greater, than you've experienced before? Congratulations! That's God's way of saying, *"I'm not done with you. I'm getting you in a place where you're not going to just be a sitter on the bench in what I'm doing"*.

*"We have time, but we don't have time to waste"*. The clock is ticking and for those whom God gives the revelation of those things, they should walk in those things now.

In some sense, the church has lost its way. I don't think I have to go too deeply into that, but just kind of doing the same, going through the motions, hoping they get a crowd.

Probably in a large way, the church is oblivious, not really knowing where it's at. Oblivious to its own state, not understanding the ramifications, the positive and negative things, that hang in the balance for us now.

If you can see all the negative stuff, that just says to me that God is doing more, but you have to look for it with spiritual eyes, or you don't see it. Get in the Spirit. Walk in the Spirit. Live in the Spirit. Be led by the Spirit. It's simple. You can do it. But, will you?

The world is out of order. And God's all about bringing order, and it's the Church that's going to bring order. It's the steadying factor in society, and it's the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

*"Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done here, like it is in heaven"*. So we have about 90% of those people who are obsessed with the end times wanting to get off this planet, and God's trying to get on this planet.

A lot of great heroes who you see in the Bible, they'd love to have your stretch. They'd love to take a swing at what you have; an opportunity. Let's take advantage. These are great times.

If the Kingdom is not being preached and taught, a large portion of what God is doing is being missed. The Kingdom; will you seek it first? Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you.

People calling good, evil and evil, good. Part of the reason for that is the church has not stood up to be the Church that is depicted in the Bible.

There's a relentless assault of the forces of darkness, to minimize the church, to discredit the church. It's the kingdom of darkness' attempt to take out the church.

The Kingdom is coming, with or without you. It's going to happen with those people who believe what this Bible says, that there's coming a time.

There are people, I think a growing number of people, who believe that the church is going to be at its best. He's coming back for a bride. He's coming back after a bride who is without

spot or blemish. That's why God is working in your heart and in the heart of the whole church.

Something big is in the wind. Something that the world has never seen before is happening. Something significant, something very, very positive.

*"I am the way, the truth and the (Zoe), the life"*. You can only experience that when you embrace the Lord Jesus Christ through relationship, and allow that life to become part of your life.

That's why you have these challenges. God wants to prove to you that your faith is not some flimsy little thing, where you cut and run at the first sign of trouble. You don't know how great or how powerful your faith is, until you start to walk in it.

God wants to use people like you to right every single wrong that exists, that you encounter in the world.

So what happened when you got saved, when you got born again? When you just received Jesus into your heart? All of a sudden, you have everything you will ever need. He's given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. It's a matter of walking those things out, in the course of your life, today and tomorrow.

In the later days, there's coming a time where even the very elect stand a chance to be deceived. The only guarantee against that is that you're walking in step with the Father. You're being led by the Spirit, you're walking in the Spirit, You're living by the Spirit.

Are you thinking about the right things? And are you thinking right about the right things? That's two different things.

We can't do it with a "holier than thou" attitude. I know you're at risk for it. Your greatest test starts right now, and it lasts for the rest of your life. And it's the test of pride. Can you stay humble?

God's in a really, really talkative mood, and the excitement of that should be just taking you over. And if not, even with all the challenges involved, if the excitement's not just taking you over, I would be concerned about myself. I'd go to the Lord and say, *"what's that about? Why? Why am I not excited about that?"* Because, this is a time to be excited.

It's one thing to declare the truth, but another thing to walk in the truth.

That's how the world knows the church, is if they have love (agape) for one another. Well, if they have love for one another, that means that, well, you have to work through difficulties when those arise, because they arise all the time. And, for a household like this one, that God is building on relationship, it's a lot harder to build on relationship.

God is looking for a family. So, we're building a family here, and in every family there is tension, contention, and problems arise, anytime you're in relationship. So there's always those kinds of things.

It seems to me like there might even be another level of seriousness on the part of God. So that's a really sobering thought. I sense that in this adventure that we're on, there's such a seriousness in the heart of God for where He wants to take the church.

We're consistently walking in truth, demonstrating love and truth in a way that draws unbelievers in, rather than judging them and repelling them.

They're going to start trying to get you to put masks on again. They're floating it out there that there's another wave of some kind of pandemic coming, and all of that is to pressure the church into nothingness. It's demonic. It is to take away the power of the church. That's what it's about.

The church is the answer, it's the solution. We have to be salt and light for the rest of the world.

You need to stand up for your values. Well, they're making fun of you out there, because of your values, and the church has become a laughingstock. But all that time, if you can see all that, there's something greater happening underneath, in little grassroots places. There's great falling away, but there's a great awakening that's taking place at the same time.

Find out how you're gifted. Find your place, how you fit into the body. Or, is church just a Sunday thing for you? For a lot of people, it is.

God has a plan for you. If you give Him your heart, you can't miss the plan of God for your life. Are salt and light operating in your gifting?

There are prophetic voices out there. It's important that we pay attention to those things, but a lot of those things are addictive. It's intoxicating. I'm not suggesting you don't listen to it. I'm just suggesting you pay attention. It can be a diversion. It can divert you from what needs to be happening as well.

If 90% of what you're hearing from the prophetic community is just political, it's to divert you from what God is saying to the Church. So get yourself a little bit of it, but don't get on a steady diet of all that. A little warning; recenter.

*"It's a good time to feel good"*. That's so simple, you wouldn't even think it's anything to talk about. It's a good time to feel good.

When you hear something from the Lord, it might be really clear, or it might be kind of vague. He's looking for people who move on the slightest touch, who move on just the slightest little thing from Him.