

The Church, The Whole Church, and Nothing But The Church, So Help Us, God- Part 4

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There is a spiritual awakening taking place, and we don't even know all the full ramifications of that, but it amounts to God waking us up, waking up the hearts of men to spiritual things.

We need to be able to see, discern, and pay attention to what God is doing. But if you see all the darkness, that just says that the Kingdom of God is coming, at even a greater rate than that, and the enemy is doing everything he can do to distract the church and the people of God.

Don't get distracted, and don't get overcome by all the negativity. If you're not careful, that can happen to you. So get refocused. Walk in the spirit, be led by the spirit, and live in the spirit. That's your guarantee.

You have to look to see the good things that are happening in the world. Pay attention. You have to be careful what you're looking for. Look at the simple little things in life, just the little daily things that you're going through. Because God is right there in the middle of those things.

Concerning the awakening, just remember that we really don't know what to look for. Because, this has never happened before. *"Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, not have entered into the hearts of men, the good things that God has planned for those who love Him"*.

Several times through the Word, God says, "I'm doing a new thing". So, pay attention to that. If you're not careful, if you're looking for something else, if you are looking for other indicators of what happened in some other move of God, some other time, some other generation or whatever, you might miss what's happening now.

Pay attention to what God's doing right in here, in your heart. If nothing happens in the heart, nothing really happened.

Everything negative that you see in the world right now is an attempt to take out, to distract, and take away the lamp stand, the light, take away the emphasis, take away the influence of the church at its best.

That's why judgment begins at the House of God. He can't evangelize the world through a church that is flimsy, with no power, not focused, and not walking in step with Him. We've made it a huge priority around here to listen to and discern, as best we can, what God is saying.

I'm 99.9% sure that's the Lord. So I ask you to just receive things that way. It's God talking to us.

The church is pretty important, more important than ever before. And I don't know what will happen if the church doesn't rise up. I don't even want to think about it.

The Lord said, *“I’ll build My church”*. Well, see, He builds it with obedient people, who are given to Him.

Eph 3:10, *“to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the Church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places”*. So the Church could show in the Heavens, to the principalities and powers, who is boss. It’s the church’s responsibility to do that.

The most important question that will ever be posed to mankind: Who do you say Jesus is?

The forces of darkness have been unleashed upon society. I don’t think we have seen it all yet. The next ten years you’re going to see things that are going to blow your mind.

But all the while, the Church, the real Church, the one that the Bible talks about, is rising up. And you’re a part of that. I would be excited, if I were you, that God destined you to be on the planet at this very time.

It’s the Church’s responsibility to show the world what God looks like, how God thinks, and how God acts, because the world, at this point, they’re not coming to church, and most of them have a good reason for not coming.

All the dark stuff is coming to keep the church from being the Church. So, It’s our responsibility to show the world what God looks like, to show the world that there’s hope.

We are learning to trust and depend on God, and not to depend on our own ability. It’s crunch time for the church. Are we going to get overrun with darkness, or will the real Church stand up?

Where the enemy has taken over areas, how do you take back ground? You have to walk in the Spirit, You have to be led by the Spirit, and you have to live in the Spirit. Let’s just live there. As Kingdom people, it’s our responsibility.

As Kingdom people, we’re to make right everything wrong that we encounter in the course of our life. It’s our responsibility to make those things right. And you know you’re going to need the help of the Holy Spirit for that one.

Paul said to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. But it takes the rest of our lives to work that out into the way we think, the way we talk, the way we relate to people, the way we do stuff.

Are you aware of the presence of God in you, and on you? People may not be able to tell you exactly what that is, but they can just tell that something’s different about you, something’s going on with you.

When we’re talking about the gates of hell will not prevail against us, nothing evil or dark can stand. It can’t survive where a unified church is in action.

You have authority. You’ve been given full authority to do what Jesus would do in any situation that you’re in. To do what He did and more. It’s good for us to remind one another that the works that Jesus did, we are to do also, and even greater works.

The reason that God doesn’t reach over the church and fix everything is because He wants you to get in on the joy of seeing Him move, seeing how great He is, seeing how loving He is,

seeing how powerful He is and see how transformational He can be in a person's life, in the life of a family.

You have to pay attention. You're needed. You're not just hearing this message so that you can just stick it away with other things that you have heard before. This is not a sermon.

These are marching orders that we're talking about. Put these things to use now.

The Abrahamic Adventure is; *"Get out of your country, from your family, from your father's house"*. It was accounted to him as righteousness, and Abraham went out, not knowing where he was going.

We need to sit down with God like Andy does, and say, *"Father, I don't know anything. I don't know how to get into this Awakening. If you don't talk, I won't know. If you don't go before us, I won't know where to go"*.

So, you have to go out, not knowing where you are going, and looking for a city whose builder and maker is God.

You have to stand up now, because the forces of darkness, they don't mind pushing you around. Start taking the authority that you've been given, push back a little bit and start to take ground back. You have authority, but you have to use it.

But you are Kingdom people, right? That's someone who's born again, who has been filled with the Spirit, and is listening to what God is saying. They're not just taking up space.

It's a Kingdom perspective, to understand there's one church, and we're all part of the same organism. It's not an organization. It's an organism! There's neither Baptist, or Pentecostal. There's neither First Christian or Presbyterian.. We're all one.

The enemy comes at an area, a region, a nation, and he is unified. And the Church is down here, arguing over who has the most people in services on a Sunday. It's so immature. It's embarrassing. We're down here trying to build our own little kingdoms, and God's trying to build His Kingdom.

It's important that we understand that there's one Church in our area. If you're not thinking that way, start thinking that. It destroys a competitive spirit that there's no room for, with what God wants to do.

We're just part of the body of Christ in our area. We're no more important than any other part, but we're going to be a part that does this, that talks about what God is saying, and talk about what God is doing.

When you take a Kingdom position, when you think about it being one Church, when you start to pray by name for other churches, by name for those leaders, I'm telling you, God loves that. He's all over that.

How do we pray for them? That they have a desire to hear God. That they would only be able to communicate the things that God is saying. That what's happening there would be genuine, authentic, and real. That they would walk in signs and wonders. That the presence of God would be experienced in their services.

If you grew up in the Bible Belt, that stuff doesn't make sense. It only makes sense from a Kingdom perspective.

Well how do we become unified? Unity doesn't mean that we all believe alike on everything. But the non negotiables. Jesus is the Son of God. And He's God, too. In Jesus was all the fullness, all of it, all the fullness of the Godhead, Father, Son Holy Spirit, in bodily form.

So what do you do? It's about a unity in the Spirit. This works in a business partnership, it works in a church, and it works in a marriage really well. This is how He said it to me; "When it stops being about you, you'll start to experience unity". When the church, your marriage and your partnership stops being about you, you'll start to see oneness.

It's a mindset, more than anything else. It's the mental posture. It's you, taking a mental posture, that you take toward other expressions of the Church, of One Church. It's the mental posture that you take toward everybody else. We're all on the same team, and we should start to act like it.

So when we hear of other churches in our region that are experiencing growth and favoring life, it's an extreme blessing to us here. We're grateful for that. We see God moving, and we love that.

Start to develop a relationship, to have fellowship with the Father. Then we just want to walk in step, walk in union with Him. Then, we're just walking in the Spirit. Living in the Spirit. Being led by the Spirit.