



So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

As we enter into the Spring of 2016, there is a need to address some issues in lieu of things that have been happening in the last several months in the body of Christ which has brought sadness to my heart, while at the same time *made me realize how ill prepared God's people are to face what lies just ahead. We are moving out of one dispensation and into another, just like when Jesus came the first time.*

We are in a transitional period of change right now and we are looking through a glass darkly. The Church Age is coming to a close as we are entering the dispensation of the Kingdom Age, when Jesus Christ will return to establish His millennial Kingdom on the earth. Just like the religious people resisted the coming of the age of Grace when He first came, likewise today many who do not understand the times and the seasons we are in, are resisting the changes associated with the coming Kingdom age.



There is a great end time harvest of souls that will take place before the return of the LORD where multitudes of backsliders and prodigals will come home. Horrible events are about to take place, *but an unseen hand is holding back the storm a while longer for some mysterious reason. God is bestowing upon mankind a last act of grace, a sovereign move of His Holy Spirit upon all mankind; a last chance to heed His call; earth's last opportunity, God's last call.*

Can a world that has rejected God, and is rushing head on into judgment expect to see revival fires? Strange as it may seem, the greatest revivals and reformations have always come at the darkest hour in the history of mankind. The rain of the Spirit has fallen at different times intermittently until now, but the Lord has reserved the best wine for last. More people have been saved and converted to Christianity in the last decade than in the

previous two thousand years combined.

A church within a church is rising up; a remnant group of believers that were hidden for a season, while they were being trained and tested in the fires of affliction. These mighty warriors will make the powers of darkness tremble, turning the world upside down as the harvest of souls takes place. The LORD is moving the Church, the body of Christ into a new dimension. They will carry upon them God's true anointing, power and authority.

Their seal of authenticity will be their humility, compassion and godly wisdom. They will be greatly loved by those who love righteousness, light and truth, but dreaded and hated by the darkness, the religious and the corrupt. They will purge sin from Zion and cause the fear of the Lord to come upon people, while they will also heal and restore the body of Christ. *The people of God must be willing to go through this change that is upon us in order to cross the Jordan.*



Those that are not willing to transform their way of thinking (wineskin) will experience dryness, decay and eventually even death. Many will lose what they are desperately trying to hold on to, because they chose to do it their own way, not God's way. *They want to keep the old in place at all costs instead of accepting the challenge that the LORD has set before them; Christian Neo-cons.* The fullness of what God has for you cannot come if you do not develop a kingdom mentality.

During my time in the wilderness many years ago, the Lord showed me how *the Church was fragmented, impotent, carnal and out of order; operating with a spirit of religion, control, pride, fear, strife and malicious slander combined with a good dose of ignorance.* This has stifled the ability of most ministries to recognize, train, develop and release potential five-fold leaders, and deprived the lambs of their God-given right to fulfill their gifting and calling in this life.

The Bride of the Lamb can only become the mighty, powerful glorious force on this earth that it was called to be, when each member in the Body discovers their Identity, is activated, set in place, trained and released to achieve their destiny. This is the

main purpose for which the LORD raised up this ministry, to prepare His Bride for His return. ***Not everyone has been sent to perform this mission, and many of those in the ministry today have not been sent by the LORD at all.***

There are many that want to be apostles, who are basically Bible teachers; many trying to be prophets who are just good at researching information and writing. There are many serving as pastors who are basically good administrators, and those who are evangelists who are in reality just good motivational speakers. ***This is just an example of the cacophony which we are seeing in the body of the LORD Jesus Christ today.***

During a season of fasting and praying last fall I received that we were about to enter into a Jubilee year of double portion, the beginnings of a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will release the people of God into a new anointing, in order to bring about the last end time harvest of souls. If the Church is going to receive this outpouring from the Lord, ***it will need a change of wineskin in order to be able to receive this new anointing and reap the harvest of souls that is getting ready to come in.***



It is impossible to pour new wine into an old wineskin without ripping it (**Luke 5:36-39**):

“He also told a parable to them. ‘No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old garment, or else he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match the old. No one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved. No man having drunk old wine immediately desires new, for he says, the old is better.’”

One of the major changes has to do with the full development and operation of the five-fold ministry (**Ephesians 4:11-16**). The body of Christ will never reach its fullness until all five ministries are functioning in the Church the way they are meant to. For the church to develop a strong healthy foundation, it must have strong, healthy leaders. ***The Church of the Jesus Christ will only be as strong as its foundation, and the foundation of the church is only as strong as its leaders.***

If the church is going to move in that direction, the people of the Most High are going to need new paradigms and ways of thinking (wineskins). ***This stretching and expanding of the existing wineskins (mindset) is going to require the five fold ministries to be willing to move to a higher level of character, consecration, accountability and servant hood, causing them to work together in unity and power.***

A person who is not able to submit to Godly leadership will never be able to become a good leader. Before becoming a good leader, you must first be a good follower and submit yourself to the Godly delegated authority that God has placed you under. God cannot trust us if we are not able to submit to the one that He has placed us under. I understand that many in the body of Christ today do not trust and reject all forms of authority because they were hurt serving under someone that did not come from God.

Everyone has a certain idea of how the local church, ministry and

things in general should be run. Most have adopted concepts from their particular denomination, organization or personal experience. ***However, many of these concepts that men have developed through the years are more man-made and traditional than biblically accurate, creating in people a mindset that makes it difficult for them to accept the New Testament Church Model.***

When you go to most churches in America today, you will realize that they all have a pastoral flavor and structure. The pastor is at the head, and the congregation is under him in varying degrees. Everybody wants to know who the pastor is. However, nowhere in the Bible do you find a pastor leading a congregation. ***The word pastor is only found in Ephesians 4:11 and that's in relation to the five-fold ministries. However, the word apostle is mentioned 79 times in the New Testament.***

These preconceived ideas and concepts that are being used in Christianity may cloud your judgment and cause you to misunderstand the Word of God. We can read in the Bible that in the New Testament Church, the apostles had councils at different times to resolve issues regarding church dogma and creed. In **Acts 15**, it was James who made the final judgment and decision. If you recall, James was the apostle (not pastor) of the church at Jerusalem (**Galatians 1:19**).



Apostles established and laid the foundation for the churches. Once the work was stable, the founding apostle would appoint a group of elders to shepherd the work, and either remain there as the apostle of that house or appoint one of the elders as the governing elder of the local church. Most scholars today refer to Paul's letters as the Pastoral Epistles, including his letters to Timothy.

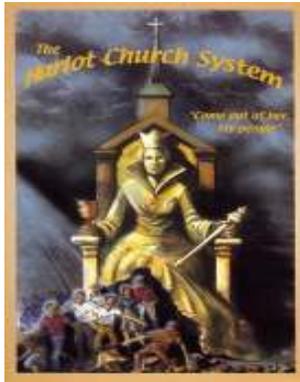
Many today believe that after the first 12 apostles of Jesus Christ, there were no more apostles. Actually, Paul refers to Timothy as an apostle, and he was the apostle to the Church in Ephesus (**1Thessalonians 1:1; 2:6**). The apostles had fellowship and were accountable to one another. ***Apostles chose and appointed elders to oversee every church; they were not elected or voted in by an organization.***

The Apostle Paul gave instructions to Timothy (his spiritual son) in how to select and appoint elders in the task of overseeing churches and other things (**1Timothy 3:2-7, 5:17**). The main responsibility of an elder was to feed, take care of and protect the flock. They were to teach, instruct and shepherd them as the apostle Paul spoke to the church of Ephesus (**Acts 20:18, 28-30**).

Apostle Paul kept in touch with the churches visiting them often & providing training, teaching, direction and oversight (1 Thessalonians 2:6; 2 Corinthians 13:10). This is a process of change that may take several years to fully develop. If the apostle remained as head over the local church, sometimes he was a part of the presbytery, other times he was not, preferring to remain accountable and submitted to them. Sometimes apostles refer to themselves as elders (**1 Peter 5:1**).

It's important to notice, however, that even though an apostle may have remained in one location and governed over a local church, he was never referred to as a pastor; he remained an apostle because his calling and anointing is different. James was the apostle governing over the church at Jerusalem; Peter was the apostle over the Church at Antioch and Timothy was the apostle over the church at Ephesus.

Apollos (not one of the original 12 apostles) became the Apostle to the Church at Corinth after Paul left. The New Testament Church was always made up of a group of elders or shepherds who provided oversight to the entire church under the headship of a governing apostle. ***This has always been the blueprint used for church government in all of the New Testament.*** However, what we have today is a harlot church.



A counterfeit harlot church is one that marries the spirit of the world and persecutes the true church. However, the LORD allows this in order to purge His true Bride and bring forth the virtues and character that He seeks. ***The false harlot church feeds on the worldly lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes and the pride of life.*** Being a part of the true Bride can be painful process; but true sons must endure the pain of His purging fires so that they can partake of His divine nature.

You do not hear a message about sin preached from the pulpits of the churches in America anymore. ***You do not hear the kind of preaching that deeply convicts your heart and exposes the depth of corruption inside your being like Jonathan Edwards, Charles Finney, John Wesley and so many others used to do.*** These men were used of God to wake up the consciousness of many in America. It is time for a new generation of preachers whose hearts are set on fire with passion for the LORD to rise up.

2 Timothy 4:1-4 "I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be diligent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they draw to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto myths."

When was the last time you visited a true church, one with the Spirit of the Lord moving in their midst. The word of the LORD is not only about exposing sin, but it is also about His Presence. When there is none of this, you will not find the fear of the LORD.

There is a problem when many so called modern apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists are more interested in the world and all of its lusts, than living their lives in humility, purity and the pursuit of God's presence.

No wonder that our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ warned about these people and told His lambs to be careful who they listened to

and who they allowed to speak into their lives. ***He told the people to check their lives for Godly righteous fruit, and not to listen to the inflated words of men's wisdom that come out of their mouths.*** The words of these charlatans and poachers may sound nice and even have a form of godliness, but they are devoid of His Presence, Power and Righteousness.

Matthew 7:15-20 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them."

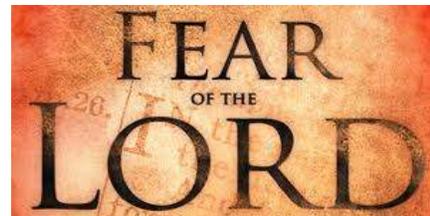
Be not deceived by these false teachers and false brethren who come to you as men of God, using false names, pushing their own agenda and books for filthy lucre. These men are spiritual vagabonds who do not submit to the wise counsel of Godly men or to the Body of Christ. Instead, they choose to spread fear, confusion and division; slandering and speaking evil of things that they do not understand.

You will know God's true servants by the supernatural signs, healing, miracles, deliverance and pure word of revelation that they bring to the Body of Christ. In most churches today, you will not hear parts of the New Testament preached. Here is just one that should get your attention:

Galatians 5:16-21 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would.

But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, impurity, licentiousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, strife, jealousy, wrath, selfishness, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I tell you beforehand, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Much of the body of Christ today will only hear messages that make them feel good, resulting many times in bizarre and unbiblical doctrines. ***Some even teach that judgment is not part of the New Covenant.*** A large part of the New Testament has to be overlooked to embrace such foolishness, but this has been done. You can find entertainment, excitement and even soulless messages of encouragement in those churches, but you will not find His Holy Presence and Fear of the LORD.



Psalms 19:7-9 "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."