

Kingdom Impact: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ and The Church”



Matthew 16:13-19

- This is the greatest hour for the Church (the Body of Christ) to impact our world for the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 16:18-20)
- The Biblical definition for the (3) three words found in our Theme.
 - The word “Transformed” means – changed, converted, fashioned, rearranged, graciously improved upon, spiritually mature, fit and developed.
 - The word “Kingdom” means – rule, reign, and authority of God.
 - The word “Impact” means – effect or influence of one person, thing or action upon another. It also can mean collision, violent shock, or force between two or more things.
 - The word “press” means to follow after, run toward, to lean upon and constant pursuit of.
 - The biblical application of the word “reset” means a necessary change, to pivot, turn, forsake, forget, test stability, and to recommit to God’s original purpose and plan for your life.
- The Church of the living God came in with power and we shall leave with power. (Acts 1:8)
 - God is truly moving by His Spirit. The supernatural power of God has been released in the believer’s life to impact the world for Jesus Christ.
 - God is raising up some Kingdom warriors that are moving forward, as an unstoppable force that is influenced and directed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Purpose: To awaken our understanding of what Christ’s Church is supposed be and can do to impact the world around them.
 - Goal: To unite our hearts to Jesus Christ so that His Kingdom work can be complete in us.
 - Spiritual Principles: Authority, Agreement, Faith, Obedience, Grace
- Statements about The Church:
 - In today’s society the word “Church” has lost significant meaning among those who are non-believers and as well as those who are supposed to be believers.

- The way Jesus Christ views His Church and the way the outside world views it is vastly different.
 - There are those who are within the four-walls of the church that have a different view compared to Jesus Christ and The New Testament Church.
 - What society and some saints are calling the church is not the True Church because it neither resembles, reflects, represents, measure up, serves or compare to the life and character of Jesus Christ.
 - What Jesus Christ is building verses what men have built does not measure up, serve, reflect or represent His Kingdom purposes.
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- In the Book of Acts the Early Church was not referred to a material building. (Acts 2:47, 5:11, 7:38, 8:1-3, 11:22-26, 12:1-5, 15:3, 4, 22, 41, 18:22)
 1. The building is where “Church” meet together to worship, be instructed (equip with the Word of God), fellowship, then leave the four walls and evangelize the world for Christ.
 2. The Tabernacle and Temple were buildings that were built to house the presence and glory of God. (Exodus 26-40, 1 Kings 5-6)
 3. The Church, which is a body of believers that are now the temple (dwelling place) for God. He lives in us through Jesus Christ. (John 14:23, Acts 17:24-31, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20)
 4. Jesus Christ’s “Church” is not a denomination, or some religious sect.
 - When Jesus declared that He would build His Church, “He was not referring to a denomination.” (Matthew 16:18)
 - There is no mention of “denominations” in the New Testament and neither will there be any mention of it in heaven.
 - What does the word “Church” mean in the New Testament?
 1. It means to call out a gathering, the called-out ones, or assembled one. (Matthew 16:18-19, Ephesians 2:19-22, 4:4-6, 11-16)
 2. God has called and united us together through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:3-6)

3. The Church is the body of people “called out” from the world by Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 4:11-16, Romans 12:5, Colossians 1:18, 24)
4. The Church is Christ’s body, or His body of people that are sanctified (set apart) to form the Church of the living God. (1 Peter 2:9)
5. The Church’s object of worship is Jesus Christ. (John 4:23-24)
6. The Church’s objective is to carry out Jesus Christ’s mission and take His message throughout the world. (Matthew 28:18-20)

○ To impact our world for the Kingdom of God, we must tear down all the foolish traditions and ideologies of men. (Mark 7:6-13, 20-23)

1. Your denomination and tradition should never take precedence over Jesus Christ and His Word.
2. Being part of a denomination or non-denomination does not make a person saved.
 - A person can spend countless hours working within the church building and not be a part of Jesus Christ’s “Church”.
 - Church activity or involvement within the church building does not mean you are connected to Jesus Christ and His Church.
 - You cannot say that you are connected to Jesus Christ and His Church and not be born-again. (John 15:1-5, Romans 10:9-10)

○ Why was Peter’s confession significant to God, Jesus Christ and His Church? (Matthew 16:13-18)

1. The word “confess or confession” means to openly acknowledge the truth as it relates to sin and our relationship with God.
2. It is an expression of our faith in the authority and existence of God.
3. It means to simply come into agreement with what God says.
4. The word “profess or profession” means to declare or make a declaration; to lay claim, to declare openly, announce, acknowledge; to affirm one’s faith in or allegiance to God.

- Jesus Christ was in the area of Caesarea Philippi. He asked a question, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” (vs. 13-14)
 1. Some confessed that Jesus was John the Baptist.
 2. Some confessed that Jesus was Elijah, a prophet from the Old Testament.
 3. Some confessed that Jesus was Jeremiah, a prophet.
 4. Some confessed that Jesus was one of the Old Testament prophets.

- The same false confessions still exist in today’s society.
 - Some people think that Jesus was only a great man.
 - Some people think that Jesus was only one of the great prophets.
 - Some people think that Jesus was only a great leader.
 - Some people think that Jesus was just another religious leader.
 - Some people think that Jesus was just a mere carpenter’s son.
 - The religious leaders of Jesus’ day held a false view and often accused Him of various crimes. (Matthew 15:22-25)
 - Jesus’ claim of being the Son of God and sent from God upset the religious leaders in His day as well as our day.
 - The religious leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy. (Mark 14:61)
 - The religious leaders accused Jesus of treason and being a false prophet. (Matthew 26:59-66)
 - The religious leaders accused Jesus of an association with Beelzebub. (Matthew 12:22-32)

- Notice Jesus asked His disciples specifically, “Who do you say I am?”. Notice Simon Peter’s immediate response to Jesus’ question to His disciples (vs. 15-17)
 - Peter confesses, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (vs. 16)
 - The truth that God had revealed to Peter about Jesus Christ brought such conviction to his heart that he openly confessed that he trusts and believes what God said about Him. (vs. 17)
 - Peter was simply coming into agreement with what God said about Jesus Christ: (vs. 16)
 - He is the Son of the Living God.

- He is the True Messiah, the anointed One of God.
 - Jesus responds to Peter's answer, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." (vs. 17)
 - The revelation of Jesus Christ came not from man or the will of man, but from God alone.
 - Peter now understood and acknowledged exactly who Jesus was. (Matthew 10:32-33, Luke 12:8, John 6:69, 11:27)
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- The Church was firmly built and established upon the Rock Jesus Christ (vs.18)
 - Jesus said, "You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church..." (vs.18)
 - Jesus makes two things clear to Peter and the rest of His disciples. (vs. 18)
 1. It's My Church.
 2. I will firmly build and establish My Church.
 - What does the name Peter mean?
 - The name "Peter" means a collection of rocks or stones that are joined together to form a larger slab or foundation. (vs. 18)
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- Apostle Peter paints a clear picture of a great spiritual house that God is building through His Son Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:1-9)
 1. The Living stone is Jesus Christ. (vs. 4)
 - Through His death, burial, and resurrection. He offers salvation and eternal life to all who believe on His name. (John 3:16, 5:24, 10:10)
 - During His earthly ministry he was rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious. (John 1:10-13)
 2. Jesus Christ is the only Living Stone that is eternal. (Acts 4:10-13)
 - a. Jesus Christ is the Preeminent stone. (Colossians 1:15-22, Hebrews 12:2)
 - He is the firstborn of all creation.
 - He is the Supreme Creator and Ruler of all things.
 - He is the only One who can reconcile us back to God.
 - He is the head of the Church.

- He is only source of salvation and eternal life.
 - He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
(Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13)
 - He is the Head cornerstone. The only true foundation upon which man can build upon, that is eternal. (1 Corinthians 3:9-15)
3. The living stones represent believers who fit together that are built up or built into Christ's spiritual house. (vs. 5)
 - The believer is to place their lives upon the Living Stone of God – Jesus Christ. (vs. 5)
 - The believer becomes living stones that Jesus Christ supports and holds up throughout all eternity.
 - The believer who believes in Christ's deity. He is fully God. He is the Son of the Living God. (John 1:1-4, 14, Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 1:3, 8, Isaiah 9:6, John 10:30, 14:9)
 4. What is the difference between a physical house and God's spiritual house? (1 Peter 2:5)
 - a. A physical house will deteriorate, decay, rot and waste away. But not God's spiritual house. (2 Corinthians 5:1)
 1. The believer will live forever in the presence of God in a glorified body, that will never deteriorate, age, decay and waste away.
(Philippians 3:18-21, 2Corinthians 5:8-9)
 2. The believer will never exist alone, but connected together with other living stones (body of believers) in God's eternal spiritual house in heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Revelation 21:1-6)