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JESUS' CHURCH

It is surely time for this piece, time again to point out crucial truths.

What is Jesus' CHURCH? It is not the actual buildings on street corners where some people gather on Sunday mornings. It is not any of the myriad denominations. None of that.

Jesus' CHURCH is that body of people in the world who truly believe in the Lord Jesus. They have him as their Lord. They believe he rose from the dead. Members may be on a field somewhere in Africa or a ship in the middle of the Atlantic or in an office building or a farm, or in a church building on the corner. Or wherever. The common thread is that they have Jesus as their Lord.

Back in the first century after Jesus was here, there were no denominations. Believers met in homes to hear about the Lord, to study, to pray, to encourage each other.

Now with that said, let's look at some truly disturbing but important things today. And realize you must pay attention to what "church/denomination" you are affiliated with and to what teachers and preachers you sit under. Several of these omit crucial areas of the gospel and even in some cases are in open rebellion against God. I hope you know that.

Let's consider key examples.

TWO GREAT OMISSIONS FROM MANY OF TODAY'S CHURCHES:

HOLY SPIRIT

For many years I have written of how so many denominations do not teach the full gospel. A great example is the refusal of many protestant denominations to understand and to recognize that the Holy Spirit is here right now with born again, spirit filled believers in a tangible way. They do not teach what Jesus specifically taught in John 14-16 and Paul wrote about in 1 Corinthians 12 and 14. They do not recognize the gifts of the spirit such as discernment – essential in these times of massive deception – and divine healing and prophecy and so much more.

I remember one time a highly respected elderly minister emeritus of a large mainstream denomination church wanted to speak to me about our ministry, specifically about the Holy Spirit. At one point he said to me, really as a question, "those people who fall down (who are overcome by the Spirit) in your programs – you just push them down don't you?" Obviously the answer is no, of course. This elderly minister was confronting the fact that he had missed the very presence of God on earth during his entire ministry. As Peter said, the Holy Spirit is for everyone – every believer of course.

So these churches which ignore the Spirit do not operate in the gifts of the Spirit like divine healing, do not understand how that works, do not receive words of prophecy and more. They continue to operate almost as

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academic institutions, teaching about the Lord the same way a school teacher would teach about a historical figure such as George Washington.

May God have mercy on all the ministers and people in these churches. We should all pray that God wake them up to his truths. The people who are members – except for a few rare individuals – do not know the wonders and the joy of living in the tangible presence of God – the Holy Spirit – and experiencing all the wonders of the gifts of the Spirit.

One time we were invited to a fairly large mainstream protestant church where most knew nothing about the reality of the Holy Spirit and all he has for believers. After our seminar that day and healing service that night, as we were cleaning up, an older gentleman came up to me and said, “I’ve been in this church sixty years. After tonight I realize all that was a waste!” Of course, it was not really a complete waste for he had learned of many things I am sure through scripture. But his meaning was obvious. That night he had encountered God for the first time. He had realized for the first time that true believers can interact with and experience the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit.

JESUS’ RETURN

Shockingly and sadly, quite a number of individual churches do not teach about the times we are living in, the obvious fulfillment of so many Biblical prophecies of things to happen before Jesus’ return, and the imminence of his return. The danger and error is obvious. Jesus is coming very soon as we all know. And believers must watch as he warned. We must be ready. The pastors of these churches evidently must not have any revelation of the Lord’s imminent return, or perhaps not have the ability to discern the truth in situations on earth today, or perhaps fear if they teach on the return they will drive away congregation members. Whatever the reason, ignoring and living oblivious to the imminent return of the Lord surely is a disaster for those attending those churches.

TWO EXAMPLES OF FLAT OUT REBELLION AGAINST GOD

HOMOSEXUALITY/THE LGBTQ MOVEMENT AND THE CHURCHES

Sex between two men or between two women is just an abomination to God. He will not stand for it. That is the truth simply put. I suggest you read these scriptures to understand what the Bible says: Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 22:13, Romans 21:18-32, 1 Timothy 1:9-10, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. Also Genesis 19 which has the description of Sodom and the terrible behavior of the men of Sodom, who wanted to have sex with the angels who came to see Lot.

Then there is the overriding scripture from the beginning of the Bible: Genesis 2:24 makes the point that a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Man – woman. God’s plan.

I know just as you that some of the people who have the gay/homosexual lifestyle are interesting, talented, skilled, creative, pleasant to be around at times, and more. I also know that they are doomed to an eternity in the Lake of Fire (Hell) unless they turn from that lifestyle and ask God’s forgiveness, which he will surely give if they are serious.

When the US Supreme Court gave the approval to homosexual marriage in 2015, many serious believers said the US went over the spiritual cliff. The White House celebrated that decision by bathing the White House in rainbow colors. The rainbow! What an affront to God! It is God who created the rainbow as a symbol of his promise not to destroy the world again by flood, by water. The homosexual world has appropriated that symbol of God for its detestable policies and behavior.

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Today this LGBTQ movement presses for more and more confirmation from all institutions and all people that its life choices are good; but they are not. They are death to those who follow them as a habitual lifestyle.

Several major church denominations today perform homosexual weddings and ordain homosexual clergy. For some this has led to a split of the denomination, with many member churches withdrawing. You need to clearly understand what your church and denomination's policies are.

Let's be honest. The fact that any church or denomination would approve homosexual weddings or allow its pastors to be "gay" is just unacceptable. Churches operating this way are operating in a way clearly opposed to God's word. They are in rebellion against God.

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

Probably few indeed of those who attend the churches that believe in this theology know what it is. Basically, it is a repudiation of the importance of Israel. I know. That is hard to conceive for any true believer in the Lord, anyone who reads and studies scripture. But many denominations believe that the church, meaning the modern organizations, have replaced Israel. That false belief goes way back in history.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. There are scripture after scripture in the Bible relating to God's love for Israel and what will happen to Israel. Some of the major prophecies of things to happen before Jesus' return relate to the reestablishment of the nation of Israel, the return of Jews to Israel, the takeover again of Jerusalem by the Jews. All this has happened as you know and is covered in great detail in my book **WAKE UP AMERICA** in chapter 1.

Many denominations and church organizations believe in replacement theology.

Remember, Israel still is the apple of God's eye. What happens to Israel as we go through these last days is a great indication of where we are in that scenario and how close we are to the Lord's return.

Churches believing in replacement theology are opposed to God's word and are in rebellion against God.

SUMMARY

There is much more that could be written but the warning should be right before your face! **Be wise and cautious in whom you listen to on matters of God.** Don't sit under false leadership and teaching. Don't sit under preachers who themselves may not know the Holy Spirit and even in some cases have not been born again themselves. Don't sit under preachers and teachers who deny the imminent return of the Lord even though all the signs are here, the prophecies fulfilled.

In a quick word: It is all about you and Jesus. What is your relationship with him? Is he the Lord of your life? If not, you have some work to do before he returns, which could be any minute now. So get busy. And if he is your Lord, then you have other work to do – helping the Father lead others to Jesus.

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