

‘Kingdom Mindset’ Week 4 of ‘Like Heaven’ Series
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Ephesians 1:22-23 (NKJV): 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

We, born again believers, are the Church of Jesus Christ, and we are the full representation, purpose, and the only true expression of Jesus on this earth.

Therefore, if we’re going to be a local church that looks and acts like Jesus, then we must understand that the same purpose and will that God had for Jesus, He has for us also because we are the Body of Christ right now in the earth.

Therefore, we need look at Jesus’ life while He was on this earth. His purpose has not changed and because the Holy Spirit of God lives in us, we now have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16 (AMP): 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND and PURPOSES OF THE LORD, SO AS TO INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes].

1 John 2:6 (AMP): 6 whoever says he lives in Christ [that is, whoever says he has accepted Him as God and Savior] ought to walk and conduct himself just as He walked and conducted Himself.

1. Jesus lived by purpose to do His Father’s will.

John 6:38-40 (AMP): 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but that I [give new life and] raise it up at the last day. 40 For this is My Father’s will and purpose, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him [as Savior] will have eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] on the last day."

a. Salvation and freedom for every human being:

Romans 6:23 (AMP): 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1-2 (AMP): 1 Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

b. To destroy the works of Satan and the kingdom of darkness.

1 John 3:8b NKJV For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Therefore, We, the Church of Jesus Christ, are to be spiritually militant against the kingdom of darkness carrying forward Jesus’ victory by continuing to do His works.
(Ephesians 6:10-18....Spiritual Storm troopers)

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NKJV): 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, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord... (Acts 12)

2. In carrying out the purposes of God, what was Jesus' mindset, His attitude, and main characteristics that caused Him to be so successful carrying out the purposes and the will of God, success against the powers of darkness, and why were so many people drawn to Him?

Philippians 2:5-9 (NKJV): 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, *(Philippians 2:5 AMP - 5 Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]* 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

a. It was humility and serving. Jesus was not seeking a position or a title, He was seeking God's will and seeking our salvation, our freedom, to bring the blessings and benefits of Heaven to the earth for every human being. You and I were in His heart and on His mind out of sincere and unconditional love. He did this believing that we would do the same.

The Church, we as His disciples, should maintain the same mindset and characteristics of Jesus.

Even His disciples did not grasp this concept and argued about which one them would be the greatest in the Kingdom. It was not until after the cross that they had this revelation and understanding of unselfish, unconditional love, humility, and servanthood.

Mark 10:42-45 (NLT): 42 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 43 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

I believe that is one of the main problems in the Body of Christ today, we have celebrity leadership vs servant leadership, pride vs humility, the wanting of titles, recognition, position, and power that is void of love and serving, wanting to be blessed instead of wanting to be a blessing, and wanting to be served instead of wanting and loving to serve.

I believe it is the reason that so many Christians are miserable, unhappy, angry, frustrated, empty, joyless, falling away, stopping coming to church, fearful, prayers not being answered, powerless against the devil, disappointed, disgruntled, disheartened, disillusioned, embittered, etc.. there is too much selfishness, self ambition, desire for self recognition, and victim mentality in the church.

Much of Church leadership, in America, is concentrating on entrepreneurship instead of evangelization, seeking reputation more than calling for repentance, seeking the success of prestigious church systems and models rather than seeking God's will in prayer, and seeking political influence instead of birthing reformation and revival through continual and sacrificial Spirit-led intercession, and seeking the comfortable and compromising way to success instead of the

hard and tough fight of faith and suffering the consequences and persecutions for standing for Truth!!

b. What is Jesus for today in His Church, which of His characteristics will tell the world that we are His true disciples?

Galatians 5:13-15 (AMP): 13 For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom become an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve and seek the best for one another. 14 For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is fulfilled in one precept, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF [that is, you shall have an unselfish concern for others and do things for their benefit]." 15 But if you bite and devour one another [in bickering and strife], watch out that you [along with your entire fellowship] are not consumed by one another.