

“Let Me Love You into Kingdom Fullness” - Part 2

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In recent weeks the world has experienced some of the most barbaric atrocities against Christians in recent history. The darkness of a vicious force of evil seems to have been released against the people of God across the world. The peaceful order of a God-honoring type of life appears to be being consumed by a vicious religious political system of death and destruction.

The tolerance and apathetic agreement with these forces of darkness by the leadership of governments of once Christian nations has released the rampage of violence against the people of God. These same has-been Christian nations once served as an effective restraint against this type of massive evil, but now they have stepped aside, releasing the uprising of the forces of darkness that now threaten to fill the world with their tyranny. A significant number of the people of the world seem to be being swept into participation with the murderous terror armies bent on the destruction of all Christians and Jews and especially anyone or anything that has to do with Jesus.

A massive failure of the Christian church to produce the order of God into the world has occurred that has allowed the worldwide release of evil. The Christian church failure is a complex situation with many facets. However, it has only one basic root or fault with which the many complex issues are entwined or related.

The basic root or fault of the failure of the church to produce the order of God into the world is the lack of experiencing the pure holy love of God and releasing it into the world.

Experiencing God’s love produces obedience.

Obedience to the ways of God produces order.

Thus, life is ordered by experiencing the love of God.

The lack of experiencing the love of God produces disobedience to God and His ways. Disobedience to the ways of God produces disorder that leads to a lack of effective power to order life. Thus, life is disordered by the lack of experiencing God’s love.

The kingdom of heaven on earth is God’s order by His love on earth.

Jesus came to earth in a natural body and did all that He did for the purpose of restoring the experience of the love of God on earth thereby restoring obedience to God, thus, producing the order of God which is the kingdom of God/kingdom of heaven on earth.

Jesus went to work in His incarnate body preparing a people to experience the love of God that produces the obedience and order of the kingdom of God. These people that Jesus called brethren were later at Pentecost to receive His resurrection life by the Holy Spirit into their lives and rule and reign with Him on earth.

Jesus called out a people from the old covenant order of sacrificing animals and keeping rules. The called out ones of that day were referred to, in the Greek translation of the Bible, as the “ekklesia”, meaning a gathering of called-out ones for a purpose.

After Pentecost the followers of Christ were led and empowered by the Holy Spirit bringing forth the life of Christ in them to do the same works that Christ Jesus had done in His incarnate body. The Greek word “ekklesia” that was translated into English as the word “church” was used to define the powerful Holy Spirit led gatherings of the first century in which the love of God was manifested in supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit and powerful miracles. Strong opposition arose against the ekklesia, but in spite of the persecution it remained a pure spiritual force bringing a measure of change into the world toward the establishment of the order of God, the kingdom of heaven ruling in practical reality on earth.

Around the third century a major change took place as the true “ekklesia” or church became a government sponsored religion. The inputs and works of men began to replace the true work of the Holy Spirit that had been bringing the life and power of Christ. The Holy Spirit pulled away from the religious church system that had filled itself with the ways of religious form from the minds of men and became void of the Spirit of God: doctrines of man and doctrines of demons that sounded good but were foreign to God filled the then apostate church systems.

The word ‘church’ came to mean something very different from the original ‘ekklesia’; it came to mean a religious form and system based on human interpretation of the written word without the powerful leadership Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit. The power of the church to bring forth the kingdom into the world was lost. Instead of building the kingdom of God, religious systems that called themselves church were built. Religious form and ritual replaced the true work of Christ in the Holy Spirit with traditions of men and doctrines of demons.

The religious systems without the presence of God in the Holy Spirit bringing the headship of Christ released the dark ages for hundreds of years. The love and order of God had given way to the ways of man-made religious systems of hierarchical rule over the people.

Restoration by Revelation

However, in the recent five hundred years or so, God has been restoring the reality of the kingdom of God on earth one piece or part at the time. Many parts or pieces have been restored over time.

Restoration begins with revelation. When there are people who become willing to hear God and bring forth the next part that God is restoring, the revelation comes. Some of the people believe and receive the freshly restored truth even in midst of the attacks from the “church” leaders who have not yet seen the truth that is being restored.

One of the major pieces of restored truth that has been revealed around five hundred years or so is salvation by grace through faith. That was NOT A NEW TRUTH; it had been true since the cross, but it was newly revealed and eventually restored to a large portion of the people of God. This fresh revelation caused a deep schism in the “church” of that day.

Another major step of restoration happened only slightly over a hundred years ago. That is when the restoration of the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit began to be revealed and experienced by some of God’s willing people. Again an extreme schism in the people of God developed as the church leaders attacked and sought to discredit those who received the revelation and experience of the works of the Holy Spirit. Yet today the greater works of the Holy Spirit have spread across the world. Healing, raising the dead, and many manifestations of the power of God are again taking place as they were in the first century. This had been truth since Pentecost. It was NOT NEW TRUTH, but it was newly revealed and restored to the people of God.

The revelation that there are gifts of apostle and prophet in this current season came forth in the last half of the twentieth century. The work of apostles and prophets is being restored. These gifts are not for the building of the “church systems of the past.” They are opening the way and laying the foundation for the revelation and restoration of the kingdom of heaven that has come forth over the past twenty five years or so and is now becoming wide spread among many believers. The truth of the kingdom of heaven, kingdom of God on earth, is NOT NEW AT ALL, yet it is newly coming forth in practical reality because it has been freshly revealed and restored to the people of God. The opposition has been fierce, and the attempt of good people with religious mindsets to discredit or twist and pervert this truth is rampant.

The latest and greatest revelation and restoration to date is also NOT NEW but was the primary reality of the cross of Christ and the root of all of the works of Christ Jesus and the first century disciples.

The latest restored reality is the POWER of God’s pure holy LOVE to change and order the world.

The resurrected life of Christ in His people by the Holy Ghost is the only source of pure holy love. This pure holy love, God in His people by Christ through the Holy Spirit, is the single most powerful substance to change the world to the order of heaven which is the kingdom of God/kingdom of heaven on earth. Love of God produces the order of God which releases righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The love of God, Spirit of Christ, righteousness, peace, and joy which are characteristics of the kingdom of God/kingdom of heaven are IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Romans 14:17: for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

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