

## Today's Church and Beyond

When Jesus came, his specific aim was to re-establish his Kingdom on Earth 'as it is in Heaven'. This was his mission and he demonstrated clearly how we should continue to do it for him. So for us, "the gospel of the Kingdom" is the vehicle by which we are expected to transform our world in order to bring about "the Kingdom of God" on Earth. He also said he would build his church...meaning his Ekklesia. So why is the church so focussed on 'building the church'?

Did something go wrong? It did start off OK, but soon after, the leaders began building 'their church'. This is the establishment that now exists worldwide today in various formats. They have done a pretty good job of making it worldwide. I wonder what Jesus is thinking about it...especially now.

He would be pleased that it has developed into a more spiritual institution, but not that pleased of it's inward focus and denominational divisions. He made it quite clear that we should preach 'the gospel of the Kingdom' and demonstrate it like he did in every sphere of life. We should personally take the Kingdom with us every day showing his love without trying to 'get them into church'. Remember also, the Kingdom mandate includes all of creation not just people. A lot to think about, isn't it?! All means ALL, including relationships.

The Church Age should never have begun. It was not the King's intention. It should have just been the Kingdom Age commencing from his coming. At the moment, there is a lot comment by believers outside of the church 'system' today and it is growing towards a people who want to see his Kingdom come. It is here now, of course, but there are new Kingdom insights and revelations every week for those who are listening. He wants a daily personal conversation with his children. He does not want a continuance of our religious activity. Jesus says 'Just...come and talk to me...about anything and everything. Let's walk together in my garden and I will show you what is on my mind'. This should be our pattern.

Much is being said today about the pandemic, the situation with China, and of course the anarchy currently happening in America. We must remember that it is not the world that Jesus judges first...but his people. Don't say 'God does not judge'...he does! **We may very well be living in a time frame when the institution, or system of the church as we know it, is being dismantled...so that his *ekklesia* can finally be built.**

Don't forget, if you don't already know it, 'the restoration of all things' is where we are headed and this is Jesus' major Kingdom objective. If you think Narnia was good, he has something planned that will exceed all your expectations. Believe it!

So, keep living loved, love living and live loving...if you can. Trust is essential and learn to live in rest.

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