



# **Be Sober, Be Vigilant**

*“A Cry in the Wilderness...”*

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*And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;  
that in all things he might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18*

*That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such  
thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians: 5:27*

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about,  
seeking whom he may devour. 1Peter 5:8*

## *Dedication*

This message is for YOU the bride of the Lord; the church. It's a voice in the wilderness...prepare the way. Let whom the message is written, listen and return to Christ.

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## Foreword

*In 2012, the Spirit of God placed a burden in my heart to write this book and I did and I kept it neatly on my laptop folded away from public scrutiny until this opportunity came to publish the book as a PDF, five years later. I thank God that he has placed this in your hand; it's not by coincidence or accident, its divine. I pray that the Spirit of God will speak to your heart as He did mine.*

The church is the body of Christ. Christ is the head of the Church. This analogy seems simple and obvious, but is it obvious as it obviously seems? In all simplicity, we have never seen a cow giving birth to a dog or a dog giving birth to a hippopotamus. Elephant never lay eggs for hatching chicken. It would be very strange! This strangeness even if it happens, if it ever does, is a turn away from nature and its natural principles! That is why even in church, whatever practice, idioms, values, and doctrines that are not Christ-like are nothing but babbling's of man even if they are disguised in 'church buildings' by 'shepherds'.

The church has been appointed for a special calling to prepare people for the kingdom of God through Christ Jesus. Anything beyond and outside is "value addition". For the scripture teaches clearly "*Seek yee first the kingdom of God and everything else will be added unto thee*" Anything else is value addition! Period! So what is God's kingdom? Christ came to establish his kingdom—Kingdom of Heaven in our hearts so that we can be made holy through him for Eternal life.

The greatest assignment of the church as commissioned by Christ in Mathew 28:19-20 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...* This commission is clear, teach Disciples of Christ, prepare Saints for heaven and Christ ambassadors among others. This means the *greatest product and service the church is selling is Christ- his word- his doctrine- his faith- his kingdom- his resurrection and -his truth.* In John 14:6, Jesus saith ..., *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" Now this is a plain statement, true and fundamental to the Church. Jesus is the vine and the church is the branch. The branches cannot dictate to the vine but the vine is pleased with the diligent and pure branches that produce fruits.

Now if Christ is the head of the church, then the question; *is the church preparing saints for his kingdom?* Ok, I can see you are developing a questioning mind, read on. I pray that the Holy Spirit opens your ears to understand and reveal to you the meaning of the book and the prophetic voice to the church. It will rebuke and heal the wounds. It will make you angry; angry enough to wake up from your slumber and arise to do something. It will provoke you to make Christ visible to the world so that the world can be saved. The bible says "*my people perish because they lack knowledge and understanding...*" Church, don't be judged by this book rather be edified by it by the power of the Holy Spirit.

At the turn of events, we need a hi-tech- microscope to see Jesus in the church! The church which is meant to serve the sheep is openly raping the sheep. Churches have become motivating pulpits, business, and self-proclaimed altars. The church is becoming a cosmetic

centre with some becoming money milking machines with the goddess of hell laughing all the way as many join the destructive and dooms path. Christians are increasingly becoming motivated 'fools', they are taught man made principles of well-being, life skills and we are seeing the message of the **Cross** becoming rare and rarer in church. The love of God extending his hand to sinners so that they can get everlasting life is increasingly becoming absent. The greatest mission of Jesus GOD coming to become a 'Man' was to release himself to us so that through him we may have eternal life, reconciled to the father forever. Eternal life is through Christ who is the way, the truth and Life. But we can only be in his way, if we walk in his righteousness and holiness. "So be you holy because our Lord is Holy" says Paul to the church. Our Lord Jesus taught us what eternal life is, in John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Salvation is a free gift attained by accepting Jesus Christ as one's Lord and saviour; this is the start of the Journey. We need the sword of the truth in this journey. We need total obedience and submission, crucifying the flesh to the will of God. *Salvation is a process; it's not a one day event. Its work, you must work through the daily struggles to overcome the lusts of the flesh towards a Christ-centred life. We must carry our cross and follow Jesus. The evil one has made us believe that one can be 'saved' and still walk in canal.* One can walk with Christ and still be a lost child just like Jude Iscariot was. The Israelites walked with the ark of the Lord, day and night but many perished in the desert. The church could talk about Christ as a sugar coated pain killer but Christ expects more than that from the church. Christ is the bread of life, the root and offspring of David, he is the living water that the world can't give. The rest of the things the world can give, even before Jesus came to earth, bread was available because he had already created it and so was water but whoever ate of this bread was damned to eternal condemnation even those who ate manna from heaven. It's only through eating the bread of heaven through total obedience to Christ as the church walks the walk of salvation that we are assured of everlasting eternity.

Christ expects a church that honours his Father, his Word, and the Holy Spirit. In the later days, like we are in, the church is in danger of being engulfed in serving the goddess Jezebel without knowing and others knowingly. That is why the bells must be rang again and again, Christ will not take a church that has blemish or is spotted. He needs a spotless church to present to his 'Holy Father' and for himself.

The church must support Christians walk the narrow path to heaven and leave the broad route of destruction. The church should encourage its members to walk the path that leads to eternal life. How? By teaching people to obey and live within the word of the Lord; to be truthful and surrender their lives completely to Christ; to die in the flesh and live in the spirit; to internalise the pain of Christ at the cross and accept to be transformed completely and absolutely. Paul says be ye transformed...by the renewing of your mind...

*Luke: 13:22-27 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them; strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to*

*say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.*

There is no mystery in this book; there is no expert work, it's just a plain book so that you can understand. It is not written in concealed metaphors and prose, it's just plain message to the church, the ministers, to you the servant of the Lord, to you the body of Christ and me the believer in the Son of the Living God as I struggle through this journey to eternity.

*Arise church, take your mantle and walk the way of the cross. Arise church and let the world feel your presence. Arise church and let the spirit of the Lord roam through your altars of worship. Arise children of God as we journey into the destiny of eternity. Arise church and let the Light of Christ shine so brightly to engulf the works of the evil one. Amen*



## Jezebel Alive in the Church

*Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. Revelation: 2:20-23*

The spirit of Jezebel is alive today. It has become entrenched making it harder to identify its absence. We are seeing increasingly church using the jezebel skill of cunning, manipulation, control, selfishness, wickedness, self-centredness, prostitution, idolatry, etc. to teach and spread the word that looks like God's word. The gospel has become manipulated to win self-approval, gain 'wealth' and spread idolatry in the church.

The spirit of Jezebel has been dressed from the ancient Babylon spirit to a spirit of gentrification of Christ Cross. The pain of Jesus is no longer evident. The way of the cross has disappeared and demystified. The preaching of Jesus Second coming is absent, holiness, repentance and righteous are far from the lips of the church but Paul asks, *now that Grace is enough, should we continue to live like those who have no Grace? ...!* It is known that man can do nothing to attain perfection, its only Christ blood that perfects us. We are all sinners by virtual of being the seed of Eve and that is why Christ came to liberate us, to set us free at the cross; therefore salvation is free. Now that we attain salvation freely should we misuse and abuse it? Are we at liberty to live as canal-men? No, that is why the church must always remind its citizens to look at the cross of Christ and the price paid. This constant reminder help Christians live as followers of Christ in every way carrying their own cross.

Churches are increasingly becoming life skills training centres. They teach self-improvement, self-confidence, self-esteem, self... self...self...self... etc. It's about feel good, look good, be good, do good, dream good, eat good; Is this a problem? Yes and No. If the church main concentration is about making people feel good... then there is a need to think again. Church is more than a cosmetology centre where people come to shop for products and services that beatify them on the outside leaving the inside sick and dead. Church should be far beyond this, it is life changing, real and transforming. Sometimes you are lifted other times you are reprimanded. The church also has a role to recruit believers, prepare saints (with no blemish and spotless) for Jesus second coming, and building Disciples of Christ to preach the good news to all the ends of the earth. It has to reach out to the physical needs of the vulnerable where possible, be hope unto the destitute, etc. Instead the church has embraced man's wise sayings, rumblings and testimonies to promote their own cause so that they can be glorified. Christ Crucified factor is reducing from the pulpit drowning in self-glorification and gentrification. Paul taught this to the Corinthians; *"And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching's were not with persuasive words of human wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of*

*power that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”2  
Corinthians 2:5*

The spirit of self-gratification comes from the throne of Jezebel; it's a spirit where all is well as long as it's well with me (self-centred spirit filled with egoism). It makes ministers get familiar to God. They stop being children and they feel like buddies (equate themselves) with God. It is the one that makes ministers and believers to sin at the altar and be ok with it. But woe unto the church! *You promote pragmatism without any care, after all if everybody is okay with it then it's ok. If there are two consenting male/female adults in church who want to get married, they can go ahead and be married. Ok if you have young people fornicating as long as they come to church teach them about giving offerings and life skills then it's ok. You see when you have people who steal and bring money in the church it's ok. You know the church cannot talk about politics, so it will allow any political decisions even if it's against Christ teachings. You understand the church can practice cultism as long as the name Jesus is mentioned. Don't you know that Jesus performed a lot of miracles, so we can concentrate on the gospel of miracles, prosperity, power and wealth generation etc.? The church can afford to fight each other in the name of religion! Some people are important; they have special gifts that pull a crowd; they speak well, they speak in tongues, they are anointed, prophetic anointing is strong, anointing of the miraculous, they make excellent music, they... on and on.* But what good is it if the church gains everything and it leads people to lose their souls? Of what use is a big church with a big crowd if majority of its followers are going to hell? Of what use is it to get all the wealth of this world and lose the soul? Of what use is it to be honoured by men and dishonoured by God? Of what use is it for the church to chase demons, and its members perish in eternal hell fire?

There are cultism practices and idealism that has become the centre of church services. These practices have killed the spirit of fellowshiping and worshiping God in **Truth** and **Spirit**. The church is no longer Spirit led, its program/events led, its time led, its days led, it's occasional; someone once said it's *fashionable* to go to church. The spirit of Jezebel has reduced churches to mere fun making machines with the Holy Spirit finding church very busy that there is no place for him. The Holy Spirit dwells in clean and ready vessels for Christ and this can only be attained in prayer, true worship, silence, and repentance. But repentance is far from the heart of the church, that it would be easier to make grasshopper eat a bird than the bird eat a grasshopper. The spirit of the Lord walks in humbleness, repentant hearts and silence but when do we keep quiet in church. There is talk, talk, talk, talk..., when is meditation part of prayer. When do we listen to the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Spirit only for the ministers?

The spirit of Jezebel has made the church to become program focused and too busy to find the Holy Spirit rather it's driven by the carnal flesh. Christians run to church and run away from church. Everybody is running; they are like bees in a hive. Ministers are running, members are running. There is no silence for the Holy Spirit to minister to the church. There is no space for God's Spirit to minister. Somehow they know it all! They have become so used to the things of God that the Holy Spirit has no 'value' any more. People have become familiar with God, they can sit anyhow and worship, they no longer bow to honour the Lord of hosts. *We are too smart and important for that!* Church is like 'spoilt (undisciplined)' children, they

can talk to their parents anyhow, they can do anything and they have no respect for them. In fact they rather respect the outsiders than their parents; today we are seeing believers respecting ministers rather than God. There is no humbleness and fear for the Lord instead all there is the rumbling of men and women, machines and noise within and outside. This is the role of Jezebel to distract the church from listening to the voice of the Lord through the Holy Spirit and sincere submission to God. That is why the Lord no longer talks to the church. The church is busy, very busy doing things for the Lord like media presentations, recruitment of members, 'ministry work', teaching about life skills, making seminars/conferences, crusades, counteracting 'competition', making excellent shows, etc. We see less of the church at Jesus feet listening to him. The effort of Jezebel is to reduce believers to church goers with no aim of worshiping the Lord. Unfortunately many ministers have fallen on this trap; they have reduced churches to entertainment centres and outing sprees. The heart of the church is further moving away from the Lord daily.

There are a lot of idols in church, ranging from the visible to the invisible. The mother of idolatry worship is Jezebel. Churches have people turned into people worshipping people, others worshipping themselves, their leaders, their wealth, their power, projects, crowd and their importance. God says he hates idolatry; he destroyed nations and cities because of this even his own chosen people- the Israelites. This would be with the church of today. Heaven will not sit still until the gospel of our Lord is preached and people turn to worship the true God. That is why the anger of the Lord is evident upon the earth, the church and the 'ministers'. Idolatry is done in day light. Money has become a big stumbling block in the church, it's an idol. The church worships and serves this Jezebel and the blood of Jesus is crying out for the church but her eyes have turned away from the cross.

The church has gentrified sin. This is the hand of Jezebel. She is aware that when people start to feel comfortable with sin, then they can sin openly with no conviction or repentance. Sin is evident even at the altar, the sin of greed, the sin of self-gratification; robbery, fornication, and idolatry are among evident sins at the altar of churches. Sin is no longer a big issue in the church as long as you have a crowd following. *John 13:1-11. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Where did the gospel of purity go to? Where did the gospel of true love go to? Where did the gospel of the Cross go to? Where did the gospel*

of love your God above everything else go to? Where is the gospel of character building go? Where did the gospel of humbleness/meekness go? Where did the gospel that convicts a sinner to repent go to? Where did the gospel of Jesus second coming go to? Where did the gospel of making disciples go to? Where did the gospel of God's Kingdom go to? Where did the truth go to? Where....? On and on... *2 Peter: 2:18-22 says, for when they speak great swelling word of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*

The spirit of Jezebel forefronts liberty at the expense of responsibility; It is a spirit that says don't go further as Pharaoh told Moses Exodus 8:28 *“And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away...”*. The spirit of Jezebel wants the church to remain lukewarm not further in Christ and be seemingly further from the evil one. For example one can be saved (Christian) and still be drunk, fornicate, commit adultery, care not for his family, offer not the tithe and offerings, engage in corruption, lie etc. and still be ok with it. The standards and norms of God can be changed to suit personal desires and wants. One can get married in church as a gay marriage, exploit the poor for personal reasons, glorify oneself to points of extremism, etc. That is love sin and the sinner while it's clear that the church must love the sinner (without exalting sin) and hate sin. This is church's mandate to support the sinner see his wretchedness and hate sin so much so that they can be transformed through Christ abundant mercy. Is it possible, YES because our Lord has already finished the work of salvation at the cross, **he loved the sinners so much to die for their sins. God hated sin so much he gave his Son as a ransom.**

The spirit of Jezebel is active; roaming; devouring and looking for the sheep so that they can be separated from the light of Christ. But listen church, our Lord is rising to crush the spirit of Jezebel as he did in *2 Kings 9:7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.* Don't be among those to be crushed, be among those to be saved. All of us must stand watch, be alert and be at guard with the blood of Jesus Christ.

*But listen all you people, a wave from the Lord will come upon the church; it will devour the hypocrisy of the church. The waves of wind will tear, uproot and destroy all the works of the Jezebel and the world will stare in bewilderment and fear. Woe unto you Jezebel.*

## Pride in the Church

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man, love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 John 2:15-17*

From the beginning Jesus humbled himself. When John the Baptist came proclaiming that Christ is coming and he was not worthy to even untie his sandals, Christ came with another message, he gave him the head to baptise. The one who was not worthy to untie the feet became worthy to baptise him by immersion. What a humble beginning? The whole of Jesus Ministry was a ministry of humbleness riding on a young donkey to show that his kingdom is not for the mighty but for those who humble themselves as children. He loved and interacted with the poor, despised, depressed, demon possessed, outcasts, women, children, tax collectors, maligned, rejected, prostitutes, etc.

Jesus washed his disciple's feet as a sign of humbling oneself before servants. He wanted to teach his disciples that for them to lead, they must serve first. They must never allow pride to enter into their hearts. That message was applicable then and now. But what do we see, servants of God dressing in the gown of pride. They have become more important than their master; they have become 'gods and goddess' in the church. In fact some Christians worship them instead of God. We see the gown of pride unveiling itself more and more in the church today. It is agreeable common sense that all servants of God must be respected and duly served. But many have fallen on this stumbling stone. We see our Lord running away from this stumbling block. Our Lord performed awesome and unbelievable miracles through Judah, Samaria and the whole of Israel. The bible says, he moved from place to place doing good, healing the sick, setting the captives free, restoring the broken, etc and because of this we see this scene arising in *John 6:14-15. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said; this is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a KING, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.*

Our Lord ran away. He ran away from men's honouring. He ran away when the world wanted to honour him as the King, for he had come not to earth to be honoured by men but by doing the will of the father which was at the 'Cross'. He chose to be dishonoured by the world so that the father can honour him; he chose to be a servant so that his father can make him a King. So if that is the journey that our Lord chose, what would be the church response? What about his servants what would they choose? If it was you what would you choose? At all times Christ came in humbleness through his birth to his death. *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2*

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took*



*upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

I have never understood why some servants are guarded with body guards even at the pulpit. We all know that we need security and so does the church but if ministers come to church with pistols then what gospel will be preached? Isn't it baffling to preach the prince of peace on one hand and hold the prince of fear in the other hand? What a shame? We are seeing more and more servants moving around with sparkling cars, homesteads, expensive gadgets, and expensive attires, while their congregation wallop in abject poverty. They travel in first class; private jets, etc. They siphon their congregations of the little they have to attain a certain class and standard that honours them. They are like pearls in a dogs vomit. *Revelation 3:14-21 says, and unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.* For those who cannot afford, they have decided to sell their souls to the harlotry of Jezebel and therefore drinking from the cup of Jezebel. Church is looking to amass wealth, dominion, popularity, etc and also maintaining the status quo. Is Christ visible in such a situation?

Hullo, what are you talking about? Should not a minister feed well, sleep well, move well and live well. Ummmm! That is not what I am talking about, every worker deserves their wage and it's embarrassing to see a Priest and Levite moving with torn pants! In fact God distinctively set apart finances to carter for the needs of the Levites and church development. Christians must bring into the house of the Lord, tithes, thanksgivings, offerings, first fruits, etc. This is supposed to help the church function well and also take care of the Priest, Levites and their families. So, if they bring much, then is it not befitting to spend it on the self? Yes and No. At the point of excess, anything more is wastage. For example, many of us can eat a plate of food and be full but if you eat two or more plates by the time you come to an end you might be in big trouble. The food is wasted and so could your health. This principle was clearly taught by Jesus, when he performed miracles of food multiplication, he never accepted wastage. Extravagance and wastage are from hell. Our Lord gives us abundance not extravagance. Even servants of the Lord cannot be wasteful. They must abundance for themselves, their families and dependants and the balance, supply to those who are in need for example the orphans, widows, sick, prisoners, the rejected, confused etc. When this is followed then schools would be established, hospitals will be built, shelters for the homeless will be established, the prisoners ministries will be boosted etc. The true works of love will

be visible in the church once again. The church would move from begging objects to giving objects. The trend today is changing churches have become the biggest beggars of our time, they will beg for everything and anything. Others are misusing the generosity of the believers to cheat them of their wealth. *Someone once said that churches beg until they drop..., they even sell merchandise with anointing! Shame upon the church!* Now Paul was greatly anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit; even his handkerchief would heal the sick. Sadly, some 'Priests' have made business out of this; they sell everything... to the amusement of the world but to the joy of the devil. *If we can't win them, then use them.*

Now, there are so many poor people in the world very vulnerable, so can the church solve this entire problem? No, even Jesus said, the poor shall always be among you...but the church must make effort to reduce pain of its communities through visible works of love to its own members but also the non-believers. The church must be the pace-setter and others follow. This is not the trend today; Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and governments have become the pace-setters for the church. Shame!

However today we have fewer schools being opened by churches, less acts of love demonstrated, less hospitals opened by churches and even those established are based on self-seeking gains to attract donations for self or make money. They are using charity campaigns to gain sympathy and get more from the generous hearts of people. Why should poor people be used as 'advertising' mediums and in the end of these adverts you will see...give more...we reach to more. Shame! In Africa some churches have become rich by forwarding orphans as caretakers. Imagine! But why this, Pride is in the church and it is being celebrated as greatness. It is being celebrated as growth and church maturity. Yet it means something different. It means the fall of the church from the grace of our Lord. It means a blemish church. It means wolves in the gowns of sheep. If you are a servant of the Lord, your priority lies more with serving others, showing the love of Christ, loving beyond self, doing actions that speak of Christ, etc.

But listen to the voice of the Lord, as it says in Jeremiah 13:15-17 *Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD'S flock is carried away captive.*

Common wisdom says "*Pride comes before a fall*", hear you brethren let's get back to the gentleness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Solomon in Proverbs 29:23 *A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.* Paul testified of himself in Acts "20:19-21 *"Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Amen.**

## **Selling Christ!**

*He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? Luke 16:10-13*

*The church is the glory of the Lord; the church is the bride of Christ. The church is the body of Christ. As Christians we all profess this, and we believe that we are one body with the Lord. But why is Christ invisible in the church today? Why do we see fewer deeds, proclamations, teachings about Christ, about the cross and his glorious eternal kingdom? Has the church locked Jesus somewhere in a church cabin where he can't be visible?! While growing up, the church was a place where everybody ran too for help, for support, for nourishment, for free things like cheaper education, cheaper health services, packing, shelter, counselling, etc. Today some churches are guarded like museums, you can't easily find free things, for some you can't even walk in and pray, everything is for sale. Recently it was shocking to see that even packing a car at some churches you need to pay! Imagine! That is why even the gospel is sold as a commodity; salvation is seemingly not free anymore! "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" Mathew 6:24*

***I feel the spirit of Lord aching; I have become a commodity, a very expensive commodity; Sold by my own church; Everything about me is for sale; They have even sold the cross; My heart is bleeding; I feel so much pain for people I gave a free gift to sale it? Even the gospel is sold! Even the signs/wonders I make are sold! Miracles are for sale! Where will my spirit abide? Where will my spirit abide? Whom will I give? Who will not betray me? Whom will I entrust the gospel without selling me? and I looked above from heaven to see if there is a man or woman I can entrust my spirit with, my people, my church why have you left me? Why have you forsaken the way and life in me? But look, I am God; I will create a new generation of men and women who will hate everything about you the church. I will create my own mouthpiece they will speak and people will listen. They will hear my voice and they will come back to the way of the cross. My Father is Holy and I am Holy I will only present to him a Holy church, a Holy people and a Holy nation. Woe unto you Jezebel and your followers the time is now I am raising mighty Soldiers of the kingdom who will slay you and your followers.***

Christ on the altar for sale! Cry my beloved church! What has become of some ministers selling the blood of Jesus, they are selling his words, his anointing, his miracles! What a shame to the church! Ministers ask for money shamelessly. They ask for money for anything and everything. They ask people to pay for blessings, they will pressurise people to sow (give) their property, household property, salaries etc. So that they can leave in their own set standards of what "a man/woman of God" should be, they have desired so much glory, power and wealth that they have become a total disgrace. Some ministers have made themselves so rich at the pulpit that they have become stingingly rich; you can never tell if they are ministers or businessmen. It's not sinful for ministers to engage in business rather it's sinful



for ministers to use the altar as their business. Even their language has changed to sheer arrogance and defiance. They despise the poor; they mistreat them and see them as useless members of society. They are made to sit at the back and edge of the church with no one caring for them or listening. A few who have been cared for are used as mediums to gain visibility, donations and advocacy campaigns ultimately for their own selfish ends, to get donations...! Shame unto the church... and woe to you the shepherd as *Isaiah, 10:1-4* says, *Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless! And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.*

Some churches have really become a den of robbers; they steal disguising under the word of God. Hosea 6:9 says, *“The priests are like the gang of robbers hiding and waiting on the road to attack someone...”* These so called ‘men and women of God’ steal without blinking their eyes. They have no shame at all! It’s like the gates of hell has just thrown them out to come and steal from the poor, the orphans, the suffering, and depressed.

*Jeremiah 23:11-14* says, *for both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.*

***Let me make this prophesy, the God of ages will surely come and destroy the ‘claimant church’. It will not remain standing, he will send the fires of Elijah to destroy, tear, and break every stronghold of the devil. The Lord will not let his name go to waste! Never! He will indeed come and come soon. So put your act together, get on your knees and repent of your sins and the merciful God will listen from heaven above. If you don’t listen, you will be destroyed to the core. Arise now the church; get back on the simple path of Righteousness, Love, and the Cross.***

Arise Angel Michael destroy all the foundations of Jezebel and plant the foundations of the new church on the ROCK of God. This rock will be of holiness, revival and teaching word of the Kingdom of Yahweh. This rock will crush Satan’s kingdom and even hell will be crushed. Amen

## Playing the Game of Numbers

*Mathew: 12:25-30 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*

It's about the game of Numbers. Success in the church is professed through Numbers! The bigger the church building and congregation then success is declared. What an obvious lie? I normally ask church ministers, how many people did God commission you to bring to his kingdom? Many laugh it off and others say as many as possible. The greatest commission Christ gave to his disciples is Mathew 28:19-20 *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world..."* That is very true, but he sent us for sheep and not wolves. Our God is a God of Quality (joint heirs with Christ Jesus), everything he made was good. Look around creation; everything is perfect and wonderfully made. There is no error in creation. Our Lord came to earth and much as he preached the good news to masses, he concentrated on building a quality team of 12 disciples who would spread further the gospel. This team would excel in their work and today as Christians we are products of that quality team.

The game of numbers is the order of the day in church today. It's the game at play. Quality has been sacrificed at the altar of quantity. As long as the church is big, with many people then it's powerful. It doesn't matter of the quality of Christians in the church, if they are growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, it doesn't matter if they are going to God's Kingdom or not. Every church works harder to win more people. This would not have been a problem if they are all directed towards the path of God's Kingdom after all Christ commanded the church to make all people at the end of earth to be made his disciples. The biggest role of the church is to create Christ's disciples who will in-turn create more disciples and the multiplier effect will take further the Kingdom of God to all the end of the earth. But there are multitudes of Satan's agents in the church. They come disguised as Christians while they are wolves among the sheep. Sooner than later they influence the sheep to become wolves and that is why the state of the church is as it is today.

This game for numbers has created a new problem in church; competition. Can you imagine the body of Christ competing against itself? It's unspeakable but a great reality today. This has resulted into wrangles and hostility that is appalling. These differences create the different religions, denominations, and divisions today that make the devil smile with contentment. He has done his work well of dividing the house. But Paul asks in Galatians 5:15 *"But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another"* The church is one body of Christ, size does not matter, a leg cannot be more

important than the eye. Each functions differently but for the same good. Every church small or large is important in the kingdom of God as long as it professes the risen Christ. Paul writes in *1 Corinthians 3: 1-11* *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

The pain of Paul in the above scripture was evident, dividing the church like they divided Christ cloth at the cross! Really if a house is divided how can it stand? If the foundation cracks, how can the house stand? If churches fight each other, how can Christ be visible? If churches fight who is the winner? This is a futile battle that makes the devil walk away with the 'crown of victory' and leading more people to his kingdom and ultimately hell and the lake of fire. It's a saddening fact that the church is fighting itself! So on whose side are these fights? Is it the side of God or the side of the evil one? One denomination fights the other, every group prophesying that it's powerful, and it's right. One ministry against another! Every church/denomination thinks it has the key to Christ! Others believe they have ultimate contact with God. We all know of one thing, Christ is the only way, he said "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ... John 14:6 and this he explains in *John 8:12-21* *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered; ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.*

But I am certain of one thing, that our Lord and King will not allow the Kingdom of hell to win the Kingdom of Heaven. God will raise mightier men like Joshua, Elijah who will uproot the throne of division, disunity, disgruntled-ness, greed, divorce, selfishness, idolatry, prostitution, homosexuality, etc. They will come with iron shoes and destroy all the

'churches' that are not built on the foundations of Christ and his word. He will create a new revival in the church, the new revival will cleanse and clean his throne and none will stand against his power. Our Lord is all powerful, mighty Lion of Judah. He reigns forever. He can never be defeated.

Let the church get back at his feet, pray, cry, and listen at the cross. Let the church listen to his voice in Mark 9:38-41 *And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.*

There is no reward in selfishly serving Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ is for us all. We must serve him with all our strength and heart and also empower others to do the same. Jesus is about ME but also about YOU. Our God calls individuals to save nations; he empowers persons for a generation. Look at Moses; he was called to lead the nation out of bondage. So small, large, and big churches should work in harmony for one cause --- making as many disciples as possible for Christ! The reward is for us all.

## Centred on the Self—what can I get (Miracle)?

*Luke 10:17-20 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.***

There is a beautiful song sang in church and I love it. *“I have a miracle wonder working God,…”*. This is a great song and indeed it shows the power of the God we serve. We as children of God are called to great wonders, signs and miracles but there is even much more ETERNAL LIFE. However the church today is running a race of miracles and who is performing the highest miracles. This is becoming a miracle race, where are more miracles happening, who does what, brur.... Is this bad, No! But miracles alone are not enough; miracles can happen with or without Christ. Read *Exodus 7:9-10 ...then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.* Even the devil performs miracles but our Lord is mightier than all.

The four gospels are a manifestation of miracle after miracle being performed by our Lord. He even sent his disciples to go throughout Samaria, Judea and Israel preaching the good-news, healing the sick, and setting the captives free. Great miracles were performed among the disciples but our Lord rebuked them and said don't be happy that demons listen to you but that your name is written in the book of life. Miracles are a strengthening factor in the church and ministry. They prove the power of the God we serve, they prove that our God is real yesterday, today and forever, they prove that Yes! But if miracles are the centre of change, the children of Israel in the desert would have understood God but again and again we see that they disobeyed God even after witnessing daily the great miracles he performed among them. God decided to reject them and rather he prepared their children to enjoy the blessings of the Promised Land and many perished in the desert with the exception of Caleb and Joshua. We also see King Ahab witnessing many wonders from the Lord but he never turned his heart from serving Baal and foreign gods. During the tenure of Our Lord Jesus Ministry, he asked the religious leaders why they wanted to kill him, after performing many miracles..., even the miracles were not enough to make them believe that Jesus was the Son of God, the long awaited Messiah for Israel and the world. They vehemently rejected him.

Strangely there are campaigns for the gospel of miracles alone; have you heard of this, a great crusade where great miracles will be performed, come and drink from the fountain of miracles. Come to the church of miracles, a power-packed miracle crusade etc. on and on they lament. Is this a problem, YES! People come hungry for miracles instead of Christ the bread of life. One time I was shocked, I listened to one of the prominent preaches of our time on radio, he said *‘the reason why I no-longer teach about holiness is because my church is of converted people (saved), why should I teach about repentance, what people need are*



*miracles*' he then asked sarcastically, *aren't we all going to heaven?* Everybody shouted yes with a loud applause! And he continued to preach his gospel of 'receive your miracle today'.

Now, stop there! Excuse me! Do we only have to preach the pain of the cross, repentance, holiness etc.? Yes and No! As ministers of the word, we must always remember to bring back people to the cross! It is a responsibility to remind people of the pain of the cross! Ministers must always work to bring people closer to the kingdom of God which is eternal life. That is the Gospel of Christ –the good news that we must preach to the ends of the earth; the gospel of love, repentance, holiness, and Christ Second coming. Believers should be helped daily to break away from the carnal mind and accept the way of the cross. Every person born again must enter into the house of our Lord and then follow the commandments of the master.

Then what is wrong with using miracles to catch the fish, nothing wrong at all. In fact it's an awesome strategy that is why the Lord performed many miracles to bring people to himself so that they can listen to the good news. Miracles are great entry points into the lives of non-believers and they strongly strengthen the church and faith of believers. They restore hope in the failing Christians and magnify our Lord as the mighty God he is. I believe that miracles are milk for the church; church must grow its believer's faith to eat the hard food too. To love Christ not based on miracles only, to live by the spirit rather than carnal. We see that our Lord performed many miracles but few believed in him for example Luke 10:13-14 is a classic example "*Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you*" If you listen carefully to this scripture, it shows that miracles are supposed to humble us for it says *For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.* We must therefore not fall trap of miracle seeking only rather seek yee first the kingdom. Christians should be given all the foods of growth to remain balanced and sustain their journey in Christ.

The church should help its believers to see the invisible, to work at it and hold unto it. This invisible is Christ himself. He has our reward. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18 "*For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Let the church give a balanced diet to a Christian to strengthen their journey to eternity; to yearn for the food everlasting; to yearn for living water; above all to yearn for fellowship in Holy Spirit and kingdom of God. The good news is that as the gospel is taught, miracles are performed and people get saved, transformed, they can become Disciples of Christ extending his kingdom to all the ends of the world.

## Greatest Miracle

*Revelation: 2:4-5 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

A person 'born-again' is the greatest miracle in the kingdom of God. There is no greater miracle than this, a miracle of eternal life. All other miracles are a reflection of this. O, how sweet it is to be saved! To be sure that eternity is attained! There is no greater good than this. Salvation touches a man and changes his/her anchors of destiny. Salvation is the mother of all miracles that is why angels rejoice in heaven for a soul captured out of the gates of hell. This mother of miracles is life changing and powerful in all ways, it will change how a man speaks, talks, walks, eats, thinks and feels. I love calling this a moment of *soul touching heaven*. We have all been called to be a centre of miracles when we accept Christ as the Lord and saviour.

Then what is the role of the church in this mother of miracles? The church has two-fold roles to play; nurturing this miracle to grow to become Christ-like so that one can inherit the kingdom of God and making this Christ-like being fruitful to the self, community, and the world. This role must be embedded in growing the person into a disciple of Christ since we are all called into discipleship. To grow this disciple into holiness and righteousness as one becomes obnoxious to sin and '*dies to the flesh*'

From time memorial God has worked at saving man, from his first creation Adam, he has manifested salvation as the prime intention to man. Even when his 'chosen nation' rebelled, he still extended his arm to save them till now. He sent prophets to speak words of salvation, freedom and liberty unto their heart-breaking souls. Even when kings failed, he sent prophets to speak to them and when they changed, he saved them. The work of salvation has been God's prime work then and it is now. God is always making a way for people to be saved through blessings and punishment. The grand finale was sending his beloved son Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should be saved. John 3:16-17 says it all, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.* Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour came so that he can save us from our own sinfulness so that we can be perfected in him to receive eternal life. Ultimately the greatest miracle is about saving a man's soul to eternity.

All other miracles are good and are a clear manifestation of the Lord we serve who is powerful, magnificent, almighty, and the same yesterday, now and forever. Miracles help our faith grow strong and firm. They are a means to an end, an end of eternal life but not the prime purpose and only purpose.

Today we see a shift in the church; the church is over glorifying miracles at the expense of salvation, in fact you can think salvation is about miracles. Many people have become saved because of miracles and praise God for his power. But at the same time the church is not

helping these people grow out of their miracle centred mind-sets (baby-stage). To become adults in Christ, to realise that salvation is the greatest miracle greater than a beautiful car, millions of money, power and authority, prominence, fame, food and shelter etc. Paul professed this in 2 Corinthians 4:8-11. *“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.”* Now, Paul had truly understood the greatest miracle.

2 Corinthians: 4:16-18 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.* That statement in itself is a miracle! Wow! What an understanding of Salvation.

It's clear from the Holy Scriptures that Salvation of man is to make us right with God so that on Judgement day we are found pleasing to him (Christ) so that we may reign with him in his glory, in his Kingdom. And this is the greatest miracle of salvation; of being born again; of being called a Christian. But our God loves us; he will still give us other miracles to ease the burden of the journey called life. He says to us *“cast all your burdens for I care”* the burdens of the world are many; they include ill-health, poverty, despair, hunger, stress, heartache etc. The Lord knows it, that is why we must cast all burdens to him and as a father leads his child to become a responsible adult so does our God. God is Love, his compelling love can never leave us to be burdened beyond what we can bear; he will make ways to unburden us. These ways are the miracles and signs of wonder in our lives; they strengthen us as individuals and as the church. They build us to maturity; they grow our faith and our love for God.

Miracles are important manifestation of our Lord in the church ministry and when testimonies die in the church then despair can set into the minds of the church members. Miracles are part of the ministry and they should never overshadow other important elements of ministry in church that can make Christians grow. Miracles are like fish nets; they hook fish and spread the catchment area. So the church must use them wisely to glorify our God and not man. Man has no power to perform miracles; it is only the Power of the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ so all honour should be to him. Let the church use miracles wisely to catch more non-believers into the body of Christ and when they are caught they must be helped to pilgrim to eternity to attain the greatest miracle Kingdom-dwelling (passport). Abraham Lincoln once said *“Surely God would not have created such a being as man to exist only for a day! No, no, man was made for immortality”* indeed the greatest miracle we can receive is the immortality of being in the same glory with our Lord and reigning with him in his glory.



## Dead Church

*Revelation 3:1-5 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

*John 16:7-14 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

Our Lord in his outstanding wisdom knew that man needed a guiding spirit to continue in the commissioned work. The work of spreading the good-news to all the ends of the earth remains on course however it needs Gods spirit to reign upon the followers of Christ and upon the church to remain relevant to Christ.

A church that is not spirit filled is dead; it has nothing to offer but itself. When it offers itself then Christ cannot be visible. The bible teaches that it's only the Holy Spirit that teaches, edifies, and guides. So what has a dead church has to offer but its deadness? In a noisy, self-centred and egoistic church full of man's wisdom, what has the Holy Spirit has to offer? Nothing! You can tell from the fruits of a dead church, it becomes the throne of Jezebel; we see ministers who are cunning and holding unto a den of thieves; we see love perishing in our eyesight replaced by the love of money; we see pride and egotism in the church; people respect neither the church nor its leaders, elders and authority; we witness immediate shift from the word of God to high sounding wisdom of man; we see outright idolatry and immorality that chokes without remorse; we see compromise of Christ commandments to 'rights' approach; the cross starts to take lesser centre stage in the church; the voice of God becomes absent, we see more families and relationships broken while others are disoriented, immorality takes precedent becoming normal, etc.

At this point, sin is liberalised and so are emotions of people applauded as the epitome of grace. All things are done to make everybody ok and happy! Don't annoy God's children; give them only what they want to hear, eat and talk! The word of God is used to harness self-centred opportunities. The dogma and tide is set, the spirit of Jezebel is now at play using

false prophets and teachers. Jesus second coming is a mystery and so is heaven. Everybody cares about the carnal mind than eternity. Eternity is far away from the minds of people and who cares anyway! Love is a mystery in the church, everybody fights the other, and self-importance becomes the order of the day. They start to glory in themselves (deeds) than the Lord; the fear of the Lord is absent. They pray as Pharisees so loud that everyone hears their rumblings; their prayers are noise of disgruntlement seeking for more and more. Their mouths do not seek the kingdom of God but it seeks to establish kingdoms on earth, boasting of them-selves, therefore they concentrate on making false miracles. They even seek powers from the spirit of Jezebel at the throne of the evil one to get more perpetual power to perform miracles in the name of 'Jesus' who is not real. They use the name of Jesus just to lure more people into their synagogues and temples. They speak a Christ they don't know, a Christ they have never believed, and a Christ they have not witnessed. They prophesy in the name of a 'Jesus' an idol they have created so that believers can join them and so they allure many people unto the altar of Jezebel. They speak facts as the truth, liars, liars, liars.

But listen to this;

***But Woe unto you dead church! Cry, lament and repent for the wrath of the Lord will come upon you to undress your nakedness and bring shame to you. People will ask, we heard of miracles performed here what happened, people will look for you and they will find not. See the Lord will raise a generation of men and women who will slaughter your prophets and false teachers at the altar of Jezebel. The spirit of the Lord will rise upon the earth and destroy all the altars that have been built and the City of Jezebel will be no more. This will be destroyed at the hand of God Almighty, the Lion of Judah, the God of Israel. In the latter times God will raise men who will speak the truth; the spirit of the Lord will be upon them to prophesy of the one anointed to come.***

A church that cannot rebirth itself is dead. Some churches are built on individuals that you can rarely see continuity in their ministry. Such churches are bent at projecting individuals than the ministry. They are self-centred church, they don't grow leaders, and neither do they groom them. They concentrate on grooming their names and their own popularity at the expense of other leaders in their midst and other gifts in church. At any point the church must have disciples multiplied, leaders multiplied, teachers multiplied, apostles multiplied, ministers multiplied, fathers multiplied, mothers multiplied, prophets multiplied, etc. then it can grow.

## **A hungry Church—Hungry for Money, Fame and Prestige**

*2 Corinthians: 11:12-15 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

We are in a generation of blind shepherd, leading blind flock. The ministers have become unresponsive to Christ, instead they are worshiping a demon called Money, fame, and prestige; this is what some churches are transacting unfortunately followers follow their path to doom. I can imagine hungry lions looking at a hungry Daniel but having no choice but to shut up. I also want to imagine the angry hungry lions walloping the bones of Daniel accusers. This is the scenario one can witness among some ministers; they are too angry and hungry for money. They have lost shame! They sell Christ at the pulpit. The church has become so hungry for money that they have started dubious projects to get money, which is why some have drunk at the cup of Jezebel. Some ministers' steal at the altar with no shame, they preach the gospel that makes people give more of their wealth, while the truth is swept under the carpet. They look at orphans, vulnerable and poor people as sources of wealth as they make projects out of them. They have sold their souls to the evil one and also sell their followers. Some have started selling prayers and so called miracles, these are agents of the evil one dressed in the skin of shepherds. Run away from these evil one. They advertise miracles as if they are commodities and they allure the vulnerable in their traps. Some of them have a prophetic gift and they are using it as a personal gift for personal wealth generation.

Some churches have become common markets with ministers selling products and services. Aha! Stop there how then do ministries survive if they don't sell certain services and products. Wait! The church can have social and business ventures, I agree and we see Apostle Paul in the tent business at the same time preaching the gospel. This can reduce the church burdens of beggarly tendencies. As a person I want to believe church should be engaged in all spheres of life including the social, economic and political existence of society. The church must be vibrant and take an extra mile in preparing believers to engage in all these areas of life so that they can create social harmony and reflect the love of Christ in the market place and the other areas of life.

Now having said that then why shouldn't the church sell itself. My worry is not the church engaging in meaningful and enterprising business, my problem is the church focusing on church business and forgetting Christ business. The thin line between best and good must be streamlined and it takes maturity to do this. It takes maturity to understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are not for sale. It takes maturity to kill the canal man and strengthen the spiritual being. It takes the spirit of the Lord to know the difference. We have some people who are anointed with different gifts, however these gifts are purposed to grow the church and show the love of Christ to the world. But devils agents are using them to accumulate wealth and gain recognition. They are proud dressed in the armour of arrogance and contempt of the

giver. But as the Lord lives, they have already gotten their wages; they will not be dressed in the crown of life if they do not repent of their sins.

The story in the book of Acts, *reflect most of their hearts. Acts 8:5-23; Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.*

Someone recently said that “*the servants of God want money more than ‘amayebe’ (evil spirits)*”, then I asked why, he said, “*when these guys are asking or preaching about money they don’t even blink, their eyes are wide open like common thieves*”. So I said, shouldn’t the ministers ask for offering and tithe in the church. He said “the Lord is clear we must bring into his house full tithe and offerings with thanksgiving however, to concentrate on this gospel is misguiding believers. “Why?” I asked, he answered, “Believers must be made to understand all areas of life so that they can have a balanced life”

The church is the centre of knowledge and a place where one can walk in to be helped. So ministers of God must help people appreciate giving as they receive from God. It’s noble to be a giver in the kingdom of God. However the ministers are not at liberty to take advantage of God’s children to give more by selling water, anointing oil, miracle products etc.

## Church be aware of False Prophets

Ezekiel 13:1-end, says it all. There is nothing else I can say. *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD. Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*

They are not of God. Deuteronomy 32:5-6 says, *“they have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?”*

Be aware church, 1 Timothy 4:1-2 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron...*



## **Wolves dressed as Shepherds**

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15*

*Mathew 7:15-23 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Be aware of wolves turned into sheep. They dress as sheep, speak as sheep, look like sheep but inside they are wolves. Prophet Ezekiel saw them, he said, “22:25-28 *There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, [and] to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.*

But the Lord has taught us to look at their fruits. Their fruits cannot be of light but rather it will be fruits of darkness. They cannot hold onto love. They are full of evil creating strife wherever they are. Their gluttony can never be satisfied. They will always want more and more. Their families will not be cared for, it will always be disgruntled. Their quest for power and more power is unabashed. They despise the weak and poor only looking at them as opportunities to make them-selves rich. Their pride and boastfulness is all-over themselves. They are so familiar with the things of God making useless rituals and creating idol worship in church. Their greatest need is to accumulate more power, wealth and status in society, humility and serving is far from their hearts. They speak as Nebuchadnezzar full of egotism. If they are gifted in any way for example if they have the gift of prophesy, healing anointing, miracle anointing, praying in tongues etc., they will use these as treasures to accumulate wealth, create fearful submission in the church, build names and empires etc. *Ezekiel 34:1-10, the Lord says And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the*

*shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.*

Many shepherds these days care not about the believers, they care about themselves, their reputation, status in society and building large empires around themselves. But how can they care when they don't even know their sheep? You know the flock has grown in numbers tremendously! Many flocks are in church as loners, some are sick and bound, there is no one to take care of their wounds, others are heartbroken and there is no one to comfort them, many have left church and who cares, new ones will fill their place. The flock these days have become like researchers they are always moving from church to church looking for a home with love and they find not. Church is becoming less and less a place of communion and fellowshiping rather it's a place for trials, entertainment centres and whatever.

Many people are in church and they are hurting, many are in church and are broken, their souls have wandered away to wonderland. Sometimes the church has not helped them know God in personal ways rather they see God collectively. "Mukama waffe akola" meaning Our God works. Few people know God personally; everybody has been made to understand that you need someone else to pray for you to reach God, in this way the shepherd take the glory! People are in some churches waiting for one day, a minister to pray and a miracle befalls them! Instead of the shepherd bringing closer the sheep to the master, they are scattering them further from him!

*For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what [is] among them. Hear, O earth:*



*behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. Jeremiah 6:13-19*

***Woe unto you the wolves masquerading as shepherds the anger of the Lord has risen upon you. You will be undressed before the sheep; they will see your nakedness and your shame will be upon the earth and who will save you from the hand of the Lord.***

## Crossing the Border Line

*Exodus 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.*

*Exodus 32:48-52 And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.*

Is it possible for the church to cross the red line? Yes. We see this happening many times to great men of God, they crossed the line for example Samson crossed the line with Delilah and the Lord's power left him, Moses crossed the line and he was not allowed to enter the promised land, Balaam, Jeremiah, Jonah running away, Job questioning God, Peter cutting off the soldier's ear was crossing the line, he thought he had the power to protect God, etc. We see this happening among Kings' for example Saul crossed the line by equating himself to a Priest; David crossed the line by putting his trust in the numbers; Jeroboam making gold calves as substitute for God, Ahab taking the vineyard of Naboth, Nebuchadnezzar self-glorification etc. There are so many examples of Ministers, Kings and people who crossed the line and all of them had to pay for their sins. For the scriptures say the wages of sin is death though our **God is gracious always but he would not tolerate crossing the line.**

The church can also cross the red line. How? Sometimes the church can become so familiar with the 'things of God' forgetting his place. Our God is above everything, he is all-powerful, excellent, all-consuming, glorious, magnificent, all-mighty, he is 'I AM', he is the Alpha and Omega, He was and will be forever, He is the righteous judge, the holy one of Israel, Lion of Judah, the rock of ages, the living stream of water, He is awesome, He is the creator, all things were created for Him by Him. How can we even describe him? Psalms 145 says it all "I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger,

*and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. Wow that is our God and more!*

The church must always stand in awe and total submission to 'I AM'. Crossing the border line means becoming familiar with God that submission and fear of the Lord is lost. How can we even understand him? How can we even stand before him without trembling? The mightiness of our Lord is all-consuming, beyond the understanding of any creation. We must always stand in reverence bowing before the throne and that is where the church should be at Jesus feet. We see reverence for the Lord becoming less; we no-longer kneel before his throne of Grace. You know we are smart for church, how can we make ourselves dirty. We have mastered working on the worthless rituals in church throwing away the fear of the Lord but Job cried out to the Lord "*I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.* Job 42:2-6

We have a ritualistic church basking in its own glory far from the Lord. The line is drawn where we shall stand in awe and wonder of the Lord, in fear and trembling to the majesty of the Almighty.

## **Church with no blemish or spot**

*2 Peter: 3:9-13 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

***True repentance is accepting ones sins, feeling ashamed, weeping and seeking for help from OUR LORD. Let people know their sins, be anguished by their sins and repent of them as they flow into the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

The church is shaped, directed and guided by the Holy Spirit. The church is built on teaching the word of God. The church is strengthened by Prayer, Miracles and Signs of God. None is more important than the other; rather they entwine to create a strong foundation for the church to create a church without blemish or spot. The word of God cannot be liberalised to accommodate sin. Sin is sin; it's a sure way to death. Paul says the wages of sin is death. The liberal mind of accommodating sin emanates from the throne of darkness from the city of Jezebel. For example homosexuality is accepted as another alternative in marriage. Stealing is oiled as corruption to sound good, justice honours the rich, gluttony and pride is ok, etc. Never! Let man be a liar and God be found true. It is written in Romans 3:4 ... *let God be true, but every man a liar; ...*

Abortion is accommodated as another alternative to family planning. Never! The blood of the children is crying out to the Lord and the Lord's anger is kindled unto the earth. Injustice is the order of the day, servants of God have become thieves dressed in their shepherd flocks, they mock God's name, and insult the name of the Most High. They have become wise in the things of the world and become foolish in the things of God. See they dress as important men in the city, speak like kings officials and lie in waiting for the sheep to slaughter at the altar of Jezebel. They speak not the truth of the word of God but the lies of world. They lie that God speaks through them and swear by the Lords name, they have moved away from the commandments of the Lord in *Mathew 22:37-39 ... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* Can you love God and kill, blasphemy, steal, condone sin, etc. It can't be possible because light and darkness cannot live together.

But listen to this prophesy; ***I can see the hand of the Lord preparing to destroy the city of Jezebel; the wise will not know even the mighty will not tell. It's only the power of the Lord that knows. He will destroy the city of Jezebel not with the hand of man but with the hand of God. The world today worries about terrorist but they are not worried about Gods terror! The throne of Jezebel must be dethroned, it will be Gods own terror that would destroy the***

*world. Woe! Unto you church for defiling the church, just like Jezebel you will be wiped out, you have drank on the same cup with the devil and the Lord will spit you out. You speak like men of the world; you have glorified the flesh but woe unto you. There is no more time, the chariots of fire are passing by testing the churches today and behold the lamp of God is bringing shame to your filthiness. You are like a prostitute full of dirt from the idolatry you have worshiped; you smell in a rotten manner, sin is on your face. But behold the Lord will create a new revival upon the earth. You will not know where it will come from but it will come, it will destroy the temples of Jezebel and he will reign again in holiness and righteousness*

God hates sin, he has made a way for a sinful man to repent and change their way through the cross & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the way, the truth and life; he says no one comes to the father except through me. Jesus conquered sin at the cross for us all. We must also dress in armour of our Lord and conquer sin. Is that possible? You might ask. Yes the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ made it possible for a sinful man to receive freedom from his sin, the way is simple its falling at the feet of our Lord and drinking from his blood. Is this an automatic way to be sinless, Yes, our Lord carried all our sins on the cross we only have to accept him in our lives and surrender our carnal self to himself. This means we become born again, not in words only but in the true sense of words, actions and thoughts.

Now, that our sinful nature was carried at the cross, then why should we bother about sin. We should not bother about sin, but we should be bothered about walking in sin. And that's why the church has a role to play, to help Christians walk as saints in Christ. Salvation is a journey; it is a one way journey. When you get onto it then don't ask for a return ticket, but the devil makes return tickets for people on this journey, he dresses them in the beautiful things of the world and makes our flesh submit to himself. We start to compromise God and become familiar with the cross. The cross becomes nothing but a fantasy in our lives and some people an idol to worship. The cross should be constant reminder of the grace that we must everyday partake in our lives. It should remind us of repentance and walking in the Lord. It should remind us to obey love and obey God. The cross is the heart of Christ, it is reminder of the true love God has to mankind. If we have the cross at heart, then we can die to the flesh and live by the light in us. So, is it possible to live without sin, Yes! It is possible to live by the standards of the cross that hangs all our sinfulness every moment of our lives. This is true worship; this is the heart of the cross. This means we can walk away from the temptations of the flesh! Is it easy, No! Then is it hard, No! Then what! By submitting ourselves to Christ daily, he gives us the grace to overcome and when we fail he extends his grace towards us at the cross! 1 John 5:18 *We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.* And when we fail, John still says we have an advocate 1 John 2.1 *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: That is the church Christ will take to himself. A church that is holy with no spot or blemish of sin.*

So who is the church, the church is you and me who believe in Christ. Christ will present us to his father pure and holy vessels. I love this song that says, *Lord prepare me, to be a living sanctuary, tried and true with thanksgiving I will be a living sanctuary for you.* As a church

that should be our constant prayer, to be a sanctuary of the Holy-Spirit. To constantly walk with our heads held high as children of the Holy and Almighty God.

*Revelations: 22:12-17 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the off-spring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

God's grace is free! Salvation is free! Repentance is free! Everything about Christ is free. He paid it all at the cross. For us we are partakers of Him and the Spirit. Therefore as the church we are partakers of this freedom but does that mean we have no role in this redemption process. Yes, our role is to receive of this redemption and live as children of God so that on the day of judgement He can present us holy and worthy to His Father—in fact we should obtain and receive mercy from the merciful one. 2 Peter 3:14 says, *wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

*Hebrew 4:16: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:9: For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ*



## Christ Visible in the Church

*Mathew: 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

As a body of Christ, we must glorify the head of the church through our works, ways and faith in Christ Jesus. The light that shines in us must be used to light the darkness around us. If the church would light its light around its community, the world would be a better place. The evil one is aware of this that is why he has cast wolves into the church to reflect as much evil in the church as possible so that the world would turn away from Christ.

But the devil is a big liar and a loser; Christ is the beginner and the finisher of our faith. Christ is the beginner of the church and he will finish the good works he has started in US. He will revive His glory in the church and the powers of darkness will be cast out. He will revive His word to piece the sinful nature of man. He will revive the mystery of His power and the latter church will do great and powerful deeds. He will send the Spirit of discernment among His chosen people and they will spit out the salt-less ministers and wolves.

The Lord fights His own battles. Even this He will fight. He will not rest until it's over. His glory will again be reflected in the church and the earth and the faithful will sing Hosanna with heavenly beings.

The shining Lord will make the church shine again. Moses went before the Lord, he came back shining and the children of Israel were afraid. When Jesus went before the Lord on a high mountain as Mathew 17:2 explains "*And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light*" One can never meet the Lord and remain the same they must shine. The Lord can never visit His church and it remains the same. Oh, Alleluia, Praise Him the Lord. Brethren, let us yearn to be in the light of the Lord, then can we reflect the light of Him who is in us.

## Servants of God with a Heart of God

*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

*This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:1-13*

The Lord is a good shepherd and he expects his shepherds to be like Him. He loves and cares so much for the sheep that He is willing to leave ninety nine sheep to look for one lost sheep. His love is agape; it's a wholesome and divine. He cares for the body, soul and mind of His sheep. He will not trade one thing for the other. He kept asking Peter, "*Peter do you love me more than these...*" he wanted Peter to translate this love by taking care of His sheep. Our Lord knew that if Peter loved Him then greater will Peter's love be to His sheep. Therefore Shepherds' are servants of the Lord and Master Christ; His expectation from the shepherds' has never changed. He expects them to love the Sheep. Now, love is not just a feeling its action. "*For God so loved the world that He gave...*" Love is Action. It's reaching out and doing something. Ok but then we pray for our Sheep, teach them the bible, counsel, etc. These are good but they not enough. In fact in the story of the Good Samaritan the Levites and Pharisee did this to this hurting man. I guess they must have prayed for him, probably even spoke tongues, called for the Holy Spirit to intervene and may be even went home and fasted. But the good Samaritan did more he loved this man enough to give and do something... he took him off the road, cared for his wounds and meals and also ensured that he gets the best treatment and care until he is well. Wow! What a love.

Let me show you a shepherd with love for the sheep. *Exodus 32:30-32 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.* When Israelites sinned against God in the desert by making themselves a gold calf in contrast to the commandments of God, Moses was willing to trade his eternal life so that the Israelites are saved from the wrath of God. He thought that sin was

unforgivable and he thought if he could trade his righteousness may be a nation would be saved. But our God is Love; He fulfilled this by trading His son Christ to die for our sinfulness and be made us right with His Father. So the questions to you servants of the Lord; what are you willing to trade for the sheep? Wait! I gave my life to become a minister of God, I pray, I fast, I counsel, I teach, I preach etc. I am already offering enough. What a lie. As a servant you are a worker in Gods Kingdom and that is your job and the reward is clear! Some ministers think they are doing a great service to the sheep and therefore they walk in arrogance and pride. But remember you are a physician of the soul chosen by God! So if you accept this calling then good, do your work well with diligence to the end. You are not doing a favour to the sheep; you are fulfilling your calling. So, what are you willing to trade for the sheep? How much do you love them or rather how much do you love from them? Many times the latter is the attitude that we see among ministers. You know I am anointed ‘Man of God’ some say; Yes we know and so was Saul, he was anointed to be a King but the Spirit of the Lord left him. Your anointing is not a guarantee for divinity; it’s a call to serve the Lord and His people. It’s a call to humble your-self at his feet. Jeremiah mourned for his people *“Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!”* Jeremiah 9:1 and he says in 17:16 *As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.* We have ministers who yearn to serve the master and they serve His sheep with passion and compassion. Praise God, your reward is assured. We salute and honour you. May the Lord lead you to the fountain of His Holiness.

Today churches have become rallies because of the large numbers that personal relationships and caring of the sheep is next to impossible. Only a few sheep have access to their shepherd probably because they give a lot of financial support to the church, may be they sing well, they are neighbours to the minister or they were their when the church started and other petty reasons. Now these could have personal access to the shepherd’s phone and home so they can reach him through appointments or even visit him. Now is the church growth a problem, No, as long as the shepherds can still be relevant to sheep. This is not a problem that is why ministries are born and the role of the shepherd is to support such ministries to do the work that as a person is impossible because of human limitations and nature. These ministries are supported on goodwill and growing leaders in the church who can spearhead this development. These ministries can become hospitals, schools, orphanage centres, libraries, faith-based organisations, business like financial institutions, legal centres etc.

The servants of God must get back to this principle of divine love and taking care of Gods Sheep. Servants are not called to be served but rather to serve. Today amazingly it’s the reverse the servants are served and they have showered in this worldly deception and they have become comfortable in this coat. When they move and talk everybody bows, some of them are untouchable, they have become powerful than their master. They do not account to anybody rather they account to God alone. (If they ever do!). They are all knowing, all-consuming and final decision makers in everything. Recently I was shocked a young minister told me he can’t have elders in his church. But why I asked, *“you know these people are a headache, they are nosy especially in financial matters and they want to know everything as if they were there when God called me”* he answered. This is where you find a church with

the minister with all-authority in everything. They choose how the church is run and functions. There is no deliberate effort to grow systems. It's a one man's show. Now when it comes to money ... this is a non-touchable area, there is no accountability at all to anybody, money is dispensed at the wills and whims of this 'important' man of God and nobody dares seek for clarity. Church is run as a personal or family project. What a shame? Even our Lord was accountable to his father, he never did anything beyond the father's will! So who is that minister that thinks they will not account to anybody... it's a pity!

Paul's letters to Timothy were a call to Timothy to be generous, disciplined, patient, to be a rock, persistent, untainted, diligent and sacrificial. Paul teaches Timothy that his shepherd role is a trust to him by our Lord Jesus Christ that he must preserve with due diligence and care; a tool to be proven and a treasure to be prized. At the end of it all Paul is teaching Timothy that it's not about him, it's about whom he serves the Master and his Sheep.

As shepherds care for the sheep they also must care for themselves and their families. They should never forget to balance their spiritual life, physical life and mental life. Their spiritual life involves having a deep relationship with the Master through constant prayer, fasting, reading the word, listening to the Holy Spirit; serving in that ministry one is called upon and repentance among others. The physical life involves family life and grooming the family to become light to other families; social responsibilities and while mental life involves continuous learning of the word of God and the things around the world like politics, financial discipline, science and technology, social life etc. If a shepherd is ignorant of his surroundings he will become a liability to the sheep and the ministry at large. One must be informed and formed on the Rock of God.

Rise up today soldier of God take up the mantle of the Lord and take care of his sheep. I Peter 5:2-4 says *"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."*

*1 Peter 1:13-19 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

At the end of it all, are you bold to say as Paul says, *For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.* Timothy 4:6-8. And we shall all say Amen!

## Churches of Saints

*Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2*

*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:26-31*

All you saints of Christ. Arise now! Let me clear this first, we do not attain sainthood after death. The Psalmist says in 145:10 *“All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee”*. We do not bless thee in the grave, we bless thee right here on earth. We attain sainthood right here on planet earth. We work through righteousness here on earth. We attain grace right here on earth. We have no second chance of salvation after death, it is all right here. Every believer must be prepared physically, spiritually and mentally to seek for holiness and be a saint in Christ Jesus. Then when we meet our maker, we have already attained sainthood.

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psalms 1:1-6*

There are some churches that are holding unto the cross and they preach the news of Gods salvation in fear and trembling. These churches harbour saints and even their works are evident. They reach out with godliness to the suffering and vulnerable. They are not a ‘see us’ church showcasing their ‘good’ work. They just do well without lusting for the fresh. See Galatians 5:22-24. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

The saints walk against the fresh, Galatians 5:19-21 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders,*

*drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. Isaiah 3:10-11*

*Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

Can one become a saint? Can I live right with God? Is it possible to live a righteous life in such as wicked life? Yes, not by our strength, not by what we can do for ourselves but Christ in us who perfects us and cleanses us with his own blood. We are only justified by faith in him. So, we can do it. Noah was righteous among evil people of his time and God saved him. *Genesis 6:5-8 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

Can the church live right in a generation were evil prevails? Yes, in a generation where evil prevails the church can still choose to live right with God. Job did it and so did Noah, and so was Daniel etc

### **The church is Catalyst for Change**

The church is the catalyst for change. All change should start with the church. The world should not change the church rather the church should change the world. Our Lord is the giver of wisdom and strength; we see this happening with Daniel, Abednego, Shadrach, Joseph and many others. They were not changed by the world rather they changed the world around them. The church has this mandate from God but why isn't it using it? The believers are loyal to the world than God. They are busy running after the world that they have been consumed within the world.



## **Our Lord will come and he will come quickly**

*Isaiah 24:1-3 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.*

Wake up church, the Lord will come and come quickly. Repent of your sinfulness and wickedness and you will be healed. The Lord stretches forth His hand for all the sinners in this time of grace. Do not harden your heart; listen to the words of the Lord. *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Peter 3:10-14,*

Indeed the Lord will come and quickly He will come. The sounds of Christ second coming must be rang across cities, nations and the world.

Do we see the church proclaiming Christ Coming? Why is there silence on this important role? Christ said, no man knows the hour or time, but he cautioned believers to be alert, to be watchful for the Son of Man will come as a thief, when least expected. The church therefore has a role to alert the world of Christ coming and recruit as many people to be part of the saints in Gods kingdom. To prepare saints to receive the bride (the Lamp of God). Does this mean that all the church has to do is to teach about Christ coming? No and Yes. As long as we are still in the world we must be prepared to live in the world but as pilgrims to life of eternity. We must be fully focussed on the yet to come. Our Lord said we must live as people in the world but not of the world.

At such end times, the church has a role to play in preparing Gods children to be righteous and holy before the Father. The church must preach the prophetic voice of God that brings back people to the cross, to righteousness with God in Christ and to the truth of God's word.

The church must prepare saints for heaven. Heaven is real and Hell is real. It's the role of the devil to gentrify Heaven and Hell and make them sound like a good and bad movie but brethren these two are real and they are a reality we must all face after this earthly life.

The end of the world will come and it will come soon. Blow the trumpet let the world know let the sinner know of the fate of his soul, let the wretched come and partake of the bread of righteousness. At all times the church must sound loud bells, it's clear we are in the era of the end of times, the devil is roaming looking for whom to devour. Why must the church be

silent, the beast is roaming. *In Revelations 12:10-11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* It is clear that we can only overcome by the blood of the lamb. People must be preached to, nations must proclaim that Jesus is Lord otherwise they are doomed to damnation forever.

As the church, we await with gladness the return of the master who will come soon. We must remain in the expectant mood of our Lord, as we celebrate the life on earth but not losing hope for the future. Our destiny on earth is prearranged to reflect the glory of the Lord, His power and authority on earth as it is heaven. We must work towards building Jesus Kingdom now and forever instead of building our kingdoms. The son of Man will come to judge the dead and living and the church must be at the forefront of this campaign preparing saints of the Lord. *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ...” Mathew 25:31-46*

At the end of it all the evil one will be dethroned from the earth and taken to the deepest pit in lake of fire. Prophet Isaiah filled with the Holy Spirit saw this *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. Isaiah 14:12-15*

Our Lord says; *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:12-17*

**1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

***BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY! ONLY THE HOLY ONES WILL ENTER THIS PLACE! FOR WITHOUT HOLINESS NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD.”***

# About the book

Church, are you in the right place to face Christ today? Do you reflect the will and ways of God? Do you want to mend your relationship with God? Are you spiritually conscience of the strait gate and Life Eternal?

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