

2018 – The Year for the Advancement of God’s Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven

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As recorded in the New Testament (Covenant) the gospel message preached by Jesus, John the Baptist, and the apostles was, **“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** God’s ultimate intention is for His Kingdom to be fully established on the earth. However, it appears most people (including Christians); have little to no idea about this “gospel.” A major evidence of this is that it appears the subject of repentance and the Kingdom is rarely if ever preached by Christian ministers and teachers. At the beginning of Christianity though, it was the CORE message preached by Jesus, John the Baptist and the Apostles.

(Matthew 3:2; 4:17, 23; Mark 4:14-15; Luke 4:43; 9:1-2; Acts 1:2-3; 8:12; 20:25; 28:23, 30, 31) Please read these scriptures before you read on.

I received a word from the Lord on New Year’s Day 2018 which is recorded below. Before you read that though, let’s look at what we need to repent of in our day.

We are no different to the very religious people as recorded in the Bible. It’s easy to be critical of Jesus' opponents; the chief priests, scribes, elders, Pharisees, and Sadducees, but we too have become just as religious and set in our ways as they were. Just as it was in biblical days, our traditions have made the word of God of no effect. (Mark 7:13) The perpetration of an estimated 240,000 denominations, independent churches and ministries in the world, all separated from each other with different “brand names” tells the sad story. They are not, and cannot be, the Church the **“gates of hell are unable to withstand”** that Jesus said He would build; (Matthew 16:18) rather, **“... if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”** (Mark 3:25) The apostle Paul was horrified at the first signs of division in the Corinthian Church when he declared emphatically, **“Is Christ divided?”** (1 Corinthians 1:13) Today, our plethora of individual church and ministry systems bear little to no resemblance to the early church.

Paul’s epistles are all about ONE Church and ONE Body being equipped for the work of the ministry by apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers..., **“till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure and stature of Christ.”** (Ephesians 4:11-13) The book of Ephesians sums it up beautifully. It’s all about unity and being ONE PERFECT MAN. As someone said, the whole of the Bible message concerning God’s ultimate intention is summed up in the book of Ephesians. Can you see how far we have fallen? How does what Paul wrote about compare to our religious efforts today? There is no comparison. Don’t you agree?

Paul goes on to declare a glorious vision in his epistles of the Church Jesus will have that becomes Jesus’ **“glorious Bride.”** Paul and all the apostles (and John the Baptist), clearly understood Jesus’ Kingdom gospel message, and preached it themselves.

We must embrace and preach the same foundational gospel of the Kingdom... and we will.

Jesus is calling us.

Jesus' Church (people, not another organisation); will have Jesus' level authority. They will exist in His name and under His Headship; the Godhead living in them. They truly become God's temple. (Ephesians 2:19-22) Together they release into the earth everything God intended from the beginning. God's plan was always to reproduce Himself in created human beings. The full manifestation will take place; we'll be the true Body of Christ.

One Vision

Sadly, it must be said again, the hundreds of thousands of competing, separated churches and Christian ministries cannot be the foundation for God's Kingdom to come and His will done on earth as it is in heaven. There can be no separate visions in God's Kingdom economy. He has the one and only. Everything about Him is Oneness. It's all about Him. When man tries to force God down to their level he finishes up creating religious, man-made "works." We must come up to the standard He has given. It's the only way. Let our desperate call today be: **"Your Kingdom come Lord, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven in 2018 and beyond. Amen!"**

The Word from the Lord Concerning 2018

New Year's Day 2018 I asked the Lord for a word concerning 2018.

"It's the year of our Kingdom advancement," He said.

"If our Kingdom is not advanced now, mankind is in for some terrible consequences. Do you see how serious it is? "Our Kingdom is completely at odds with man's obsession with self." Self-obsession is particularly rampant in this age. The media and others are racing mankind headlong to self-destruction.

"The final point We want to make on Our Kingdom advancing is this. We can no longer continue in dialogue with many who call themselves Christians who are all about the promotion of their church, their ministry, their organization, or, themselves personally. All of this is foreign to us. It all of it comes under the banner of self-promotion. It has no connection with Our Kingdom way.

All of what we have said today is of primary concern to us, particularly at this time." end

God's Glorious Kingdom Intention

Jesus will build His Church as He said He would in Matthew 16:18, even if it's a remnant to start with. This is the one the gates of Hades is unable to withstand, intended to become a glorious Church. (Ephesians 5:27) This glorious Church, will help activate God's last day's Kingdom purposes.

If we are wise in 2018, we will want to be a part of it. It will be the greatest thing to happen since the Day of Pentecost!

Jesus Parable of the Kingdom Seed

Those who have the call of God on their lives and who are willing to “sow” their lives for the sake of the Kingdom will help spearhead God’s last day’s Kingdom agenda. The seed sown will also produce a mighty harvest of souls. In addition, as we have already implied, they are the seed that will cause God’s Kingdom to grow and expand exponentially on earth. From a tiny seed mighty things can grow, particularly in God’s economy.

And He said, 'to what shall we liken the Kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds of the earth; but when the seed is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may rest under its shade.' Mark 4:30-32

Are you ready and willing to be planted? Ready to become a history-maker like those called by God in times past?

When the Lord Builds His House

What we are talking about here at the beginning of 2018 is a totally new way. It’s nothing like the traditions we tend to slavishly follow. This is not to say they haven’t served a purpose but what we must face, is that the Holy Spirit has moved on. He has left the building and they haven’t noticed. He is calling us to move on with Him.

The fact of the matter:

If the Lord is not permitted to build His house than the world is in serious trouble

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

Listen to what Francis Frangipane says:

It is possible for Christ’s Church to be so properly aligned with heaven that the Holy Spirit actually displaces the powers of darkness over our cities. To the degree that the Church is so joined to God, the Lord’s presence guards the city; crime and immorality proportionally decline; revival breaks out. But be forewarned: Only if the Lord builds His house will He then guard our cities. The House of the Lord – God’s Plan to Liberate Your City from Darkness by Francis Frangipane. Creation House, Florida USA.

The True New World Order

God has a Kingdom plan and He intends to enforce it. It will become the one and only New World Order. When Jesus returns He will train the nations and all will bow the knee. His Kingdom will come as it is in heaven in full measure. In the meantime He has a plan that involves you and I. To be a part of it we must be willing to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. It is required that those who are willing respond; He’ll do the rest.

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:19)

Do you see the contrast in these two statements by Jesus? Denying oneself can lead to Kingdom authority!

A Final Word from the Lord For 2018 (in this article)

“For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.” (Haggai 2:6-9)

I’m praying that you will be an integral part of God’s Kingdom order and the true Body of Christ in 2018 and beyond. It’s time to come higher!

Your Brother in Christ,

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P.S. In relation to the above, God willing, we will be starting **Jesus Vision Seminars–The Final Reformation** in Perth, Western Australia late January early February 2018. Please pray for the arrangements and all who will attend. This will be “holy ground.” Here’s the website for more information: www.JesusChurch.org.au

