

The Church in the Post Pandemic Times

Resetting to the Manufacturer's
Settings

Our Aim/Approach of Studies

- Repent so the Church can get back to its Manufactures Setting
- Reflect on this Present Period of the Church
- Re-examine the Positions/Practices of the Church
 - Resolve in the Purpose of the Church
- Rest in Christ Person/Provisions for the Church

The Purpose of Study

- ❖ To Encourage/Strengthened the Church in its Reality/Responsibility in the World.
- ❖ To Encourage Christians into the Seriousness of the Word of God.
- ❖ To Equip Christians for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.
- ❖ To Inform Christians by the Word of God in order to be Transformed by the Renewing of our minds.
- ❖ To Exalt/Exult Jesus Christ for Greatness/Blessing of His Church.

Questions to Ponder

- Where/What Should be the Focus/Function of the Church in Times of so much Difficulty/Disarray?
- How can the Church Remain Faithful to God in such Faithless times?
- How can the Church Engage/Effective in Mindful Living in a Mindless Age?

Matthew 16:13–20

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”**

[14] And they said, **“Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

[15] He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”**

[16] Simon Peter replied, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

[17] And Jesus answered him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.**

[18] And I tell you, **you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (ESV)**

**“Knowing who Jesus is not Something
MAN Discovers,
but it is Something GOD Must Uncover”**

Matthew 16:17, Matthew 11:27

**“Our Hope/Confidence/Assurance for the
Future of the Church is God is Faithful!**

Matthew 16:18, Phil. 1:6

We serve a Sovereign God!

Psalm 115:3

[3] Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he
pleases.

Dan. 4:34-35

Eph. 1:11

Jonah 1:1–3

[1] **Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,**

[2] **“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”**

[3] But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

The Message was Received

The Mission was Rejected

Jonah 1:4–6

[4] But the **LORD** hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.

[5] Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. **But Jonah** had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

[6] So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

The Messenger was Reminded

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*Divine Intervention – Storm -
Grace/Power/Love*

Divine Confrontation

Conversion Requires Confrontation

Jonah 1:11–15

[11] Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” **For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.**

[12] He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, **for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.**”

[13] Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

[14] Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.”

[15] So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. (ESV)

The Master Remembers

The Glory of God Must Be the Church
Priority

What was the Word from the Lord before the Pandemic?

Matthew 28:19–20

[19] Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

[20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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**The Church Must have
Steady Pre-Occupation with Christ.**

2 Timothy 3:1–5

[1] But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

Difficulty Predicted

[2] For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

[4] treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

[5] having the appearance of godliness but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Depravity Presented = People Problem

[6] For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions,

[7] always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

Deception is Practiced

[8] Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

Description/Distinguishing of the Perpetrators

[9] But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

Destiny Promised

Time/Pandemic is not the Problem for the Church.
It is a Sinful People Problem.

The Church Must Reset in order to Follow God's Plan
of Operation.
We Must Preach the Word!

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has a
Reality/Responsibility.

Matthew 5:13-16

Identity and Function

“The Church Must Be Found Faithful
by
Focusing on Christ”

We must have a Steady Pre-Occupation with the
Lord.

**The Church Must Know What It Means to
*Believe in God.***

**The Church Must Know What It Means to
*Belong to God.***

**The Church Must Know What It Means to
*Bow to God.***

What is it that is hindering you from Believing God?

What is it that is hindering you from Belonging to God?

What is it that is Hindering you from Bowing?

Ephesians 1:3

The Church has been Blessed with every Spiritual Blessings in Christ

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

The Church Highest Pursuit in this Post-Pandemic
Time Must Be the Glory of God and not the
Glory of Men.

This Require a Steady Pre-Occupation with Christ