**Christmas 2022 “Time to Showcase Jesus” (sjm 12-18-2022)**

**1 Cor 2:4** And my speech & my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

**5** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I Believe the Christian Church is at a crossroads. Are we going to be relevant on a go-forward basis?

**Relevant** - affording evidence tending to prove or disprove a matter (Jesus preached then demonstrated)

You’re here by divine appointment

NCL as a whole is here by divine appt

Our future mission from God is divinely appointed!

However, we must follow the will & purpose ordained by God for us! **SONG**

**The Light and The Glory**

**(Revelation of God)**  **(Manifestation of his presence)**

**Matt 24:14** The Gospel shall be **Hab 2:14** The earth shall be filled with the

Preached in all he earth knowledge of the glory of God

**Jesus** – primary purpose was to bring the light to a dark world (if then, what about now?)

Many People are walking in less than there covenant privileges (from partial to full darkness)

**Eph 5:27**  That he might present to himself a **glorious** church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy & without blemish. (**Glorious** = worthy of fame or admiration)

**I BELIEVE THE CHURCH WILL BE WORTHY OF THIS WHEN WE DO A BETTER JOB OF SHOWING OFF JESUS!**

**God spoke to me:** Now is the Season to **“show case”** the Father (reveal the fullness of the Father to the world)

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: & ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the **uttermost part of the earth.**

**Witness** –having knowledge of an event from personal observation or experience.

For many people they haven’t **heard** the fullness of God or maybe more importantly **seen** the glory of God

**Illumination** – the act of supplying or **brightening** with light or **full illumination**

**\*Can’t give what you don’t have! Acts 3**: Silver and gold have I none but such as I have, I give thee…\*

**TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS FOR JESUS**

1. Must HEAR or have revelation knowledge from Jesus
2. Should be manifesting the promises of God into your life (manifestation of the Spirit given to every man)
3. **Then:** Be a witness to the FULL GOSPEL THEREBY **BRINGING GLORY** TO THE FATHER

**What Should we be Manifesting or Witnessing to the World – God’s supernatural ----**

**Joy - John 16:24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name. Ask & ye shall receive that your joy may be full: [You can have the words goods but true Joy comes from God]

**Peace** – **Phil 4:7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (prayed every day & as soon as I walked in door Gods peace came)

**God’s Forgiveness** – **1 John 1:9** **Read** Can be big things or little things – (don’t beat your self up over sin/failures)

**Provision** – **Duet 8:18** **Read**  “God will give you more than your natural ability will afford”

**Wisdom** – **James 1:5 Read** God’s wisdom is above natural wisdom & is there for all to receive

**Health** – **Ex 15:26** Jehovah Rapha “The Lord God that health thee” **Example:** laying on floor sick

**Help** –**Heb 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**. (Story at dry cleaning place)

**Goodness** – **Rom 2:24** Goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance (not just for the unbeliever)

**Example** - Process Improvement Award (didn’t get) instead received a restricted stock award)

**Jordan’s college soccer coach had a saying at each practice ‘ “fellas – time to get after it”**