

Letter to the Barren Church

The Lord is having me write this letter to the barren church, of which there are thousands, or hundreds of thousands, all over the earth.

I have heard that a church without children is a dying church. I just didn't realize it was so pervasive.

Dear barren ones,

As we walked into your building, we quickly realized there were no young people, young adults, and absolutely no children. There was a smell of death in the church. Not a physical smell, but one only experienced in a supernatural way.

Those in attendance were spiritually asleep and the leadership was working so hard to raise them from the dead. But this was something that had been without life for a very long time.

Praying for revival is useless when attempting to revive something long dead, without God's hand on it. Many attend out of convenience or misplaced loyalty. Loyal to what was, weak leadership or a denominational structure that long ago quit reflecting the heart of God.

We must be loyal only to Jesus and His work on the cross, what He left for us and nothing else.

There was no life there, like the church John wrote about in

Revelation 3:1,

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: “I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead.”

A tree without growth or fruit must be cut down, destroyed.

These gatherings are religious attempts, but no hearts are ever changed.

“Cease now,” says the Holy spirit. “Allow Me to come in and bring life. Cleanse the stench of dead works and words from the walls. Your actions and devotion to Me do not meet with the standard of My Spirit. Go back to your surrender at the cross and hold on to it firmly. Repent and turn back to Me again.”

“If you don’t, I will come as a thief, to bring the ultimate destruction. There are some who have not soiled their clothes, who still love Me and cling to My power. Allow the true ‘re-forming’ I will bring. The digging up, the cleaning out and rebuilding.” Says the Lord.

Complacency comes in like a cancer and grows to overtake everything. If not dealt with completely, it kills, slowly, over a very long time. The barren, complacent church may still have works, but the works produce no life and sends its people out into the world unprepared and unprotected with no understanding of the real danger.

“REPENT – REPENT – REPENT!” says the Lord.

“The days are done. My Kingdom is here, and it is time to reflect the light of the Kingdom. If you don’t, I will come and burn up the filthy rags of what you have produced.

Begin by fasting and praying for complete repentance. For 7 days you must do this. On the 8th day, ask Me how to rebuild. But remember what I left when I ascended, the 5-fold structure Paul shared to the church at Ephesus.”

Ephesians 4

11) Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

12) Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

13) This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

14) Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

15) Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

The Lord says "I left you to train, equip, build up the church, and continue until it was unified in faith, and the people were no longer like children. But most importantly, speaking the truth in love. With this, you will produce My fruit, the fruit that can only come from the Holy Spirit.

But you have become something that was never to be. I didn't die for a dead, complacent church."

Jesus says "Rebuild without the entertainment, false teaching and making works the priority. Make Me, My will, and My way, the priority and you will live again.

When you produce the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, and self-control, watch and see what I will do."

As I wrote this letter out, I struggled with writing it as it is from God, but He was clear in His instruction.

I also struggle with wanting to 'teach' what this is about, but I don't need to. He can teach you what you need to know.

May God use you to bring the barren church to life, producing life!