

To the Body of Christ, or

What it Has Become

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There are so many pastors, ministers, church leaders, or just talking heads who profess to be Christians, it is easy to get lost in the noise of it all.

Many mature believers, who love the Lord, have abandoned church, others just go for fellowship, many just church-hop, hoping to find something worth staying for.

Churches are akin to social, civic, or country clubs, with lots of activities, but no spiritual growth. Worship service is either limited to 3 songs, 10-15 minutes, or the other extreme, it is nothing short of an emotional concert, void of any whisp of the Holy Spirit.

Worship music has become a genre. The worship team at some point began to write music and after the congregation really responded, it was recorded and sold, so while the music is good, the worship team or department is more about selling music than opening the door for the congregation to experience Holy Spirit or prepare for the word of God.

Now these songs are carried into smaller churches and while some may be inspired by the Holy Spirit, the message just doesn't carry into the other venues.

I personally have heard pastors who admit to using sermons.com, ai to find their message, when their main job should be to study the word and seek God about what to say. Some of the largest churches plan their messages for 1 to 2 years in advance so they can plan the media, social media and advertising to go with it. I'm not saying God can't use that, but what if Holy Spirit wants to do something else? Will they allow it if the graphics don't match?

Many of the basic principles of church are now twisted and tarnished to the point that they are unrecognizable. Teaching the word to individuals so they can know how to study, or seek God's will in a situation is not done at all. The focus that Jesus and his followers had in the New Testament is gone because everything is broken down into 10-20 minute increments so that each aspect is done. What have we done to the body of Christ?

I don't believe in replacing Israel or God's people in the Bible with us. However, I do truly believe that the Bible is as relevant for us today as it was when written.

Let me read the following to you!

The LORD said to me, My called one, prophesy against the pastors and leaders of My Body!

Give them this message from Me: What sorrow awaits you who think of yourself first instead of those who follow you. Shouldn't you be caring for your people and make sure they are fed first?

You serve yourself the best and the finest, wearing the best clothes, driving the best cars, but you let your people starve and suffer.

You don't look after the weak, the sick, or even help the injured. You don't look for those who have wandered or are even lost, you are too busy making harsh and cruel judgements against them.

Because of you, my people have been scattered without one to care for them and they have become prey for the crazy wildness of false beliefs, or even left my word completely.

They wander from church to church, tv ministry to tv ministry, all over the world, yet no one has cared enough to look for them or even check on them.

So pay attention, you Pastors and Leaders!

The Sovereign Lord says, that you have abandoned His people and left them vulnerable to satan and his minions. Even though I had chosen you, you didn't search for my people when they were lost, you only took care of yourself and left them to starve for my word, my truth, my will, and my way. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD.

Because of this, I now consider you my enemies, and I will hold you responsible for what has happened to my church.

I will take away your right to take care of my people and stop you from your selfish desire to take care of yourself first. I will rescue my people from you and they will no longer be prey to you or the devil.

The Father says "I will search for and find my people. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find them and rescue them from all of the places where they were scattered on that dark day.

I will bring them back home from among other peoples and nations, to their own place of rest and comfort in Me. I will take care of them and give them all they need. Yes, I will give them safe places to lie down, to eat from my word, and bless them. I will personally tend them and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord.

I will go and search for my lost ones who strayed away and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage those who have been hurt and strengthen those who have been weakened.

But, I will destroy those who have become fat and powerful. I will go after them and feed them, but I will feed them JUSTICE, My justice.

And as for my people, I will begin separating the pure from the defiled, the true followers from the counterfeit. Isn't it bad enough that you go after the best first then destroy what is left? Isn't it enough for you to take the best I offer and then seek to destroy what is left for my people.

I will surely judge between the fat and the weak of my people. The fat, selfish ones who have trampled down and fouled My will, word, and way to the point that you pushed, shoved, and crowded My sick and hungry people until they were scattered.

So I will gently rescue my people to no longer be abused, judging between one and another. Then I will send them an overseer, one like David who will care and love them like I do.

I will be their God, not man or man's ways, and my servant will be like a prince among my people. I have spoken.

And I will make a COVENANT of PEACE with my people and drive away the dangerous predators from their land. Then they will be able to live safely in the midst of craziness and sleep without fear.

I will bless my people, their homes and family around my Holy Place. And when it is time, I will send them the showers they need. They will be showers of blessing.

Their work and lives will yield abundant blessings and they will live in safety. When I have broken their chains of slavery and rescued them from their captors, then they will know that I am the Lord.

They will no longer be at risk for others to capture them, or crazy leaders to devour them. They will live in safety and no one or nothing will frighten them.

And I will make them famous for their fruit, so they will never again suffer from lack or attacks from others.

In this way, they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them. And they will know that they, are my people, says the Sovereign LORD.

You are my flock, the sheep of my pasture. You are my people, and I am your God. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

This is actually a passage of scripture. I have taken some of the words and updated them to make it more applicable, but it is the exact same message.

This is Ezekiel 34, written to the Israelites who were in captivity, while the author himself was being held captive. God, through Ezekiel, was holding the Priests and leaders responsible for the exile because they didn't do their job.

While this chapter was applicable back then, and the 'David' mentioned is referring to Jesus, it is as true today. God is doing this in the body of Christ and calling forth David's to come and care for His people.

God is redefining the church now, just as He did then, but will we recognize it? the only way is if we, once again become His flock, His sheep and let Him be our God!