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### **WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

At meetings and services - afterwards when I am standing around speaking with individuals - or at other times such as when individuals and couples drop by the office, one question I hear over and over again is “where can I find a church.” In related forms, it comes out like this – where do you go to church, what church do you recommend, I can’t find a church here, and so on. What is going on?

I think as we are nearing the end of this age and the imminent return of Jesus Christ, God is separating out those serious believers who truly take him at his word, who have really been born again, have encountered the Holy Spirit, have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. These people are finding it very difficult to sit in traditional churches that don’t preach the full gospel, don’t talk about the Holy Spirit, don’t have divine healings happening or any other manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and so much more. Born again, spirit-filled believers find it tiresome, boring, painful, and more important even insulting to Jesus to sit in format driven programs that miss all I have mentioned but are very concerned about not offending anyone and finishing on time.

So that is one reason I see people more and more asking where they can find a church. One person mentioned they had moved to a certain area and had gone to a different church each Sunday for two years, and had found none at which they wished to attend regularly. That comment is not unusual. Well, let me get into this a bit more.

What is the real CHURCH? The capital “C” CHURCH is that body of human beings who have realized who Jesus is and have accepted him as their Lord. It is a group of people called out of the world, the secular world. It is a new society of which Jesus is the head, the King. CHURCH. The Greek word is Ekklesia. Jesus is head of the CHURCH. He is in fact the King of Heaven, the King of the Kingdom of God. He is the head of the body, and believers are the body. Believers are the Church, Christ’s church. Members may be working in a field in an African country or out on a boat in the Pacific or working in an office in New York City or attending one of those traditional churches I mentioned.

They all have the characteristic that they have been born of water and the Spirit, or “born again” as it were. They also have the characteristic of being like little children, for as Jesus said, unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. That doesn’t refer to ignorance or immaturity, but rather to the absolute faith little children have as regards a parent’s leading. That’s the way we have to relate to Jesus. Jesus took care of everything that separated people from God. That’s why he said, “It is finished.” He had done all necessary to reconcile people to God. Now they had to take the step, to accept him as Lord. They had to join the CHURCH.

The CHURCH is the people of God. It is the Israel of God, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. Members are the elect of God, chosen by him before the foundation of the world. The CHURCH is made up of people who know absolutely that God is real, Jesus is real, the Holy Spirit is real, the Bible is true, angels are real, and so too are the devil and demons.

That's what the CHURCH is. If you are such a believer as I have described above, you are in the CHURCH. Whether you choose to attend one of the buildings on the corner that have assemblies on Sunday mornings or other times is up to you, but you are already in Jesus Christ's CHURCH. I understand the desire of people to get together, and indeed the Bible encourages believers to get together. There are many reasons to do so, not the least of which is mutual support and encouragement. These serious believers who are searching for a meeting place often end up in small groups that are meeting in homes today throughout the land. Or in other meetings outside the traditional Sunday morning programs. Some continue to go to the Sunday morning programs and then participate in these other meetings.

When Jesus returns in the clouds and calls out his believers, the true believers will be collected wherever they are, in the field or on a boat or sitting in a worship program or attending a Sunday morning service. And some of those who live in the secular world and for an hour a week go to those Sunday morning programs likely will not be called, because for them the true steps of faith and belief, of being born again, never happened.

Don't worry so much about what Sunday morning meeting you attend. Pay more time focusing on Jesus and your relationship with him, and seek out likeminded believers to be around.

### **WILMINGTON DAY OF HEALING REVISITED**

On June 5th we held a Day of Healing in Wilmington. Well, really, we held the program - Jesus of course did the healing. He has already done so, as you've heard me say countless times. It was a wonderful time, revelation knowledge being received in the morning and healing in the evening service. Many were dramatically touched by the Holy Spirit. For some, it doubtless was the first time they have seen God operate right in front of their eyes. I expect quite a few lives were changed, beyond physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. If we come to your area with such a program, do not hesitate to come. The morning three hour seminar (with break!) covers a wealth of material regarding all God has done for us in this matter, and the evening service leads to the receipt of divine healing by those seeking. It is a marvelous time in the presence of God.

### **DVDs of HEALING TELEVISION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

You may not know that we do have available on DVD several of our basic television broadcasts on divine healing. Not all our television broadcasts have yet been made available on DVD, but about 30 have. You can see the full list on our web site. Each DVD contains four of the weekly broadcasts of our program, ***DARE TO BELIEVE!*** This is a great way to revisit teachings on various areas, to listen over and over until you really have these truths deep inside. Listening to the CD recordings is another way. Each DVD is available for a donation of at least \$15. Use the enclosed form to request these DVDs or to request any of the audio CDs, or go to the web site to do so.

**May you live in the blessings of God all your life.**

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