Resurvection Life of Jesus Church WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR OUR MINISTRY? RLJ-1160 JOHN S. TORELL NOVEMBER 16, 2008 PART 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF SALVATION

The Holy Spirit laid it upon my heart to speak on the direction He has given me as a pastor for this church. We are not limited to just the people locally attending in Sacramento but there are people in different parts of the world who are also part of our church and feeding from the sermons and written material we produce. It is therefore important for everyone to understand the direction God is taking us and for each one of you to find your personal calling. How do you find your calling? Well, you have to know God's program. Let's investigate it.

THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Why did God send His own Son into the world? The apostle John gives us the answer. **John 1:1-18**

The apostle Paul tells us about the reconciliation between God and man. **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Jesus stated that no man can come to the Father except through Him. John 14:6

But it was not until some 60 years after His resurrection that God gave a full understanding of the law that determines where each human being will spend eternity. Baked into this revelation is the truth that once a person has been born in the flesh on this earth he will never cease to exist. The body of flesh will die but the soul of a man is eternal and will live forever. Once the body dies, the soul can only go to Heaven or the Lake of Fire. Most people on the earth don't know these truths! **Revelation 20:10-15**

SPACESHIP EARTH

The planet earth is a gigantic spaceship in orbit around the sun with a crew of God's holy angels overseeing things. There are also unholy angels roaming about the spaceship as prisoners as a result of a violent war that raged across the entire universe in which Satan and his fallen angels were defeated by God's holy angels, brought to justice, and sentenced to the Lake of Fire. But the execution of their sentence has been temporarily put on hold. In addition to the holy and unholy angels, there are also human beings on the spaceship as well. The unholy or fallen angels have a legal right to influence each human passenger on the spaceship and try to hinder them from knowing the truth and seeking God. **Luke 22:31-32**

Approximately 260,000 new passengers (babies) arrive on the spaceship every day, and at the same time, approximately 150,000 passengers are removed by death and taken to heaven or hell. Hell is a temporary jail set up by God in the middle of the spaceship where those who never were born again are held until



the final judgment. Then they will be transferred to the final location known as the Lake of Fire.

MAN'S FIRST PRIORITY

Every human being has been allotted a certain time to live on spaceship earth with a maximum time of 120 years. **Genesis 6:3**

Most passengers are never able to fully ride out their allotted time of 120 years due to sin, sickness, war, accidents, etc. No one knows when the moment will come and their journey is over. **Hebrews 9:27**

The angels do not tell the human passengers what will happen to them at the end of the journey on the spaceship. However, God has placed into every human being a basic knowledge of what is right or wrong and a desire to seek God. Satan and his fallen angels work hard to hinder people from using this built in God-consciousness that will lead them to salvation. **Romans 1:18-32**

But God has also written a manual to make it possible for each passenger to understand how to prepare for the moment when the ride on the spaceship is over. This manual is also known as the Bible. **2 Peter 1:14-21**

This manual is very powerful and gives each person the information needed to repent of their sins and be born again. **Isaiah 55:1-11**

As long as spaceship earth is in existence, this manual will never cease to exist and be available to every passenger. **Matthew 5:17-19**

The duty of each passenger on the spaceship is to find the truth, act upon it, and be born again! John 3:1-8

SHARING THE TRUTH

Once a passenger is born again and has their eternal destiny secured, God commands them to share the truth with all the other passengers whom they have contact with on their journey. **John 10:27-30; Matthew 28:18-20**

Failure to share the truth with other passengers will be fatal to them and there will be a judgment from God on the born again passenger who neglects their duty. **Ezekiel 3:17-19**

SUMMARY

Sharing the truth (the Gospel) is the first priority for every born again passenger. This is also true for born again groups of passengers who make up a church. If we don't share the Gospel with other passengers, it doesn't matter what else we do; we have failed the commandment of God to share the truth with unsaved passengers! **Matthew 16:24-26**

The first priority of our ministry is to share the Gospel with all people who are willing to listen to us.

We are using Resurrection Life of Jesus Church to fulfill the Great Commission, utilizing every outreach tool available to our ministry. Romans 1:14-17

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?