

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WORKING WITH GOD

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PART 5: SETTING UP HIS CHURCH

WHAT ABOUT JESUS?

In the previous sermon we established that Jesus built His kingdom upon the Laws of God. **Matthew 5:17-19**

Jesus knew that the church needed structure and a reverence for the Law of God in order to succeed. There had to be a chain of command for all believers in Christ would have to accept and adhere. We find this in writing from the apostle Paul. **Ephesians 4:11-20**

Jesus was the ultimate authority when He was on the earth but His authority was transferred to the Holy Spirit when He departed. **John 16: 5-15**

The Holy Spirit rules the church of Jesus on the foundation of the Law of God as expressed by the apostle Peter. **2 Peter 1:14-21**

A computer is worthless unless it has an operating system for it is the law for the computer by guiding and controlling the programs. The Law of God is the operating system in the church of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit ads programs which are in harmony with the operating system, which is THE LAW OF GOD!

Once again, let's review the basic program that Jesus set up for His church:

1. **Preaching**
2. **Casting out Demons**
3. **Healing**

Jesus revealed this program immediately after He had been tempted by Satan in **Luke 4:14-21**, when He quoted the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD..." (Isaiah 61:1-2a)

Jesus came to:

- ❖ **Preach the Gospel**
- ❖ **Heal the brokenhearted**
- ❖ **Preach deliverance to the captives**



- ❖ **Heal the blind**
- ❖ **Heal people with emotional problems**
- ❖ **To preach that God will forgive**

Jesus repeated His program and made it clear as He called the apostles and told them what was expected of them. He also applied this to the 70 others who were part of His ministry. **Matthew 10:1; 5-8; Luke 9:1-2; 10:1-2, 9, 17-22**

The basic program that Jesus gave to His church does not work outside the operating system (Law of God). The seven sons of Sceva tried this approach and it blew up in their faces. **Acts 19:11-17**

FALSE PROPHETS

When the Internet was developed, the people behind it did not foresee that evil men and women would use the Internet to send “false programs,” also known as viruses, whose job would be to disrupt the operating system in people’s computers and render them useless.

A whole industry has developed to counter this threat and no vigilant person today will check their e-mail without a security program. Evil people are challenged to outsmart the security companies in an ego trip or to gain illicit wealth through compromised computers and so there is a constant struggle by these companies to release new updates and stay one step ahead of the evil people.

But then there are evil governments involved in “cyber warfare” with the goal to knock out the entire computer system in a nation. Estonia experienced this when the Russian government became displeased with them a few years ago and attacked their national computer system. Russia did the same thing to Georgia when the war broke out between them about two years ago. The Chinese and North Korean governments are vicious and have repeatedly penetrated the computer system of the American military complex.

The Devil is not an idiot and from the first day he has attacked the Law of God. He scored a big victory over Adam and Eve and has continued the attacks. The Devil struck again only some 20 years after Jesus had set up the church. **2 Peter 2:1-22**

Jude also warned us about lawlessness. **Jude 4-19**

BEWARE OF BECOMING A FALSE PROPHET

If a Christian begins to question whether the Law of God is valid for today, they are posing the same question that the Serpent posed to Eve: “*Yea, hath God said...?*” **Genesis 3:1**

Once doubt had been created in the mind of Eve, the Devil was able to convince her that the Law of God was not that important and could be neglected without consequences. This is how most false religions are started.

GOD HAS SPOKEN

When I started to attend seminary in 1969 there was a slogan and also a song that was heard over and over again. ***“If God said it, that settles it and I believe it!”***

It was simple and to the point with no discussion or twisting needed. If the Bible states something, take it by faith and just live by it.

When Jesus died on the cross, there was no change to the earth, animals, germs or to the human body. From Adam and Eve until today, animals and man are the same today as when Jesus walked upon the earth.

It is utterly foolish to state that the Moral and Practical Laws of God are no longer in force because we are saved by grace.

Man is saved by grace for eternity but obedience is to be observed while we live on earth waiting for the day God will call us home to heaven.
Philippians 2:9-16

ARE YOU OBEDIENT OR LAWLESS?

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

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?