

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR OUR MINISTRY?

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PART 2A: DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

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 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.

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

In John's first letter, he tells us that Jesus' purpose was to come to the earth and destroy the works of the Devil. **1 John 3:8**

Over the centuries there has been very little emphasis for the Church to continue to destroy the works of the Devil. Instead, the organized institutional churches were infiltrated by the Devil's fallen angels over time and became part of the evil work of the Devil. **1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-8; 2 Peter 2:1-3**

Jesus told us clearly that *every born again believer in Christ will do the works that Jesus did and to a larger degree!* **John 14:9-17**

It is obvious that the born again believers in Christ alive today are failing miserably in carrying out the mission Jesus commissioned us to do! Most Christians are preoccupied with their own affairs, including pampering their mood swings. The Christian population in the Western World is known for their obsession with "feelings." **2 Peter 2:12-22; Jude 16-19**

THE END TIME MINISTRY GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO

From the time of my early years as an active born again believer in Christ (1965), it was ingrained in me by my first two pastors at Central Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, that the most important part of any meeting was to give an invitation for people to be saved. The Bible tells us that every person who is not a born again believer in Christ, is a citizen of the kingdom of Satan. **John 8:44; Colossians 1:9-14**

Therefore, at every service conducted at our church, and on all audio recordings from our meetings, there is a distinct salvation message tacked on to the end. In all our publications we bring forth the message of the need to be born again.

This is the primary destruction of the Devil's work in leading people to Christ and helping them to become born again; it means the loss of a "soldier for Satan" and the gain of a "soldier for Jesus." **Luke 10:1-2**



THE PRESERVATION OF BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS IN CHRIST

There is very little teaching from the Christian community in the vital area of preserving born again believers. The end result is that of the thousands of people who make a decision to be born again on a weekly basis, very few are able to survive the vicious attacks from the satanic camp.

I remember from my early years when I worked as a follow-up pastor in several Billy Graham crusades; we were told that only 20% of the people making a decision for Christ will remain as active Christians until the day they die. The rest would fall away or be picked off by false religious groups.

I was very upset and refused to work in the Billy Graham crusades when we were told that all people coming from the Roman Catholic Church should be sent back to it and we were forbidden to steer them into an evangelical church.

Now you should understand this teaching by Jesus. **Matthew 13:18-23**

God has called me to give the Christian community firm leadership in the area of preserving born again believers in Christ. Jeremiah 1:4-10

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?