

BECOMING LIKE HIM

Since man's first day on the planet his life has become more and more complicated every day. There are so many more things to focus on, attend to, and be distracted by, from the reality that Man was created by God and for God and was created to live in God's presence continually.

Here is God's plan for Man.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Romans 8.29

Prior to 300 AD the first church was a persecuted, illegal cult, that was full of the power and presence of God. The Emperor Constantine then made Christianity into a religion.

In Ephesians 3.16 the Apostle Paul prayed, that God would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Since 300 A.D. the church for many generations has been consistently doing many forms and variations of church activity. And for all its activity, not one person has come out filled with all the fullness of God.

In Ephesians 4.1 the Apostle Paul exhorted the believers;
I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...
So what is our calling. What is His plan for us.

After Christ's resurrection He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Verse 15 continues,
and speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

God has provided everything necessary for us to be transformed into what God originally created us to be.

The Apostle Peter states that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to His life and His godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature... 2 Peter 1.3

The Apostle John also declared that God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. 1 John 4.16

God's plan was not to have a church on every corner. His plan was to re-create sons to be like Him.

The Father has declared;

I am God, and there is no other, I am God and there is no one like me.

My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.

Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

Isaiah 46.9-11

This is God's plan. It's supernatural. He's the only one who can do it and there is no alternate plan B.

Let's allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and re-create us as His sons, into the image of God's first born Son.

God bless you.

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