

The Glory of The Church

Is When The Fullness of Christ Is Revealed In It

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all. (Ephesians 1:22, 23)"

There is no question in the minds of Bible scholars in regard to The Early Church being the Body of Christ, but the difficulty, in the latter days, is pointing out The Church in the last days as clearly as it is revealed in the New Testament. The reason for this is since the early days there has never been another one to reach the measure of the stature of the formation that the early Church was organized; as 'the vision of all' had never been revealed to any group of people as it is now revealed to The Church of God.

The number one trouble was that there was no Apostleship and no New Testament Prophets. There was no perfect ordination and the five gifts of the ministry had never been recognized to the extent of ordaining each of them and recognizing them in their particular offices.

In accordance to Paul's writings to the Ephesus Church in the 4th chapter of Ephesians, there was no way to bring about a perfect church without Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, and for the edifying of the Body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God. This achievement of perfection is impossible to reach without proper machinery to perform its work. There is required a perfect ministry to bring about a perfect Church. It is commonly believed by some organizations and independent movements that the word perfection means, 'leaving this world'. The reason for this misunderstanding is they don't understand the perfections of the various channels.

Let us consider a few in conjunction with the 4th chapter of Ephesians. The Scripture did not say that when the church reaches the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ that it would be caught away to meet the Lord in the air, but merely stated that its members; henceforth, would not be tossed about by every wind of doctrine. Paul simply meant they would be established and settled according to the Word of God from there on out. The Church perfection is one that is referred to by Paul in Ephesians the 5th chapter being washed in the washing of the water by the word, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word (Ephesians 5:26).

The number one perfection is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses men from all sin. As far as sin, the new birth, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, puts an individual into a perfection state, free from sin. Then he has a process of being perfected in the Word of God; this can only come through the Church.

Third is the perfection that the Church has reached in making able the Church to become The Bride and not an espoused virgin. Jesus, being our example, being perfect in the word, being perfect in salvation, made this statement, "And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected (Luke 13:32)."

Now this perfection is when The Church puts on the Bride's raiment and that could not be until The Church changed from the flesh to immortality, then we can say The Church is The Bride!

Following this word of immortality, The Church becoming The Bride, ready for the second covenant, meets the Lord in the air and then given the second covenant -- The Bride becomes The Lamb's Wife. This can only be accomplished through a perfect ministry of Pastors and Teachers. Since such Apostles, Prophets, and Evangelists, an organization has never existed--since the early days until now man has been unable to see The Church of God in its reality.

Christians are delighted in accepting Hebrews 13:8 when it is applied only to Christ, but many people do not want to accept it when it is applied to the Word of God which Christ was The Word made flesh. If Jesus, being The Word, is the same yesterday, today, and forever--The Church must also. In order to have a perfect church to reveal Christ, be the same yesterday, today and forever, then, who has the right to change a man's plan if he is not the author and finisher of it. We would have to say according to The Word of God that Jesus in organizing, set-up a perfect movement, a perfect church. If He did, it is necessary to have the same formation in order to be a complete Scriptural Church, the one that Jesus set-up according to the Word. This restoration is pointed out in Amos 9:11 and Acts 15:17-18 that only Gentiles and Gentile material would be used to form it as in the days of old.