



On this 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001, terrorists committed atrocious acts because of what they believed was coming to this world. Their solution was to destroy what they perceived as evil in this world. However, we see, in Christ, the solution to redeem and save this world.

Now before we dig into scripture may I humbly say that in no way do I feel adequate in communicating today's topic. Like the apostles, I realize that often the things of God are a mystery and what we need is to pray and contend for the Lord's Rhema Revelation. In Ephesians we see the plan of God that has been "revealed" to his holy apostles. So what I will be sharing today will definitely take the Spirit's revealing the revelation hidden in God's word.

⁵ God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by His Spirit He has revealed it to His holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus.

⁹ I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. ¹⁰ God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was His eternal plan, which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord,"

(Ephesians 3:5-6; 9-11).

So we see that God's plan in establishing the one new world was to display His wisdom, His glory, His very Presence through the church (Ekklesia)

So we must ask ourselves how are we doing in displaying the essence of God, the presence of God and the purpose of God to this world?

1. Discuss what you see in today's church culture.

I for one know I majorly fail at times! Lol! So please know my heart when I share that I sense a bit of division in the church today. There is political tension, COVID tension, personality tensions, at times (not always) campus tensions.

Honestly, my spirit has been very heavy because I believe the heart of the Father is grieved. Why? Because He sent His One and only Son to die a sinners death so that we could be one. So that we could cross over into a new life. So that we could walk in love and peace with one another.



"¹⁴ For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in Himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of His death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death," (Ephesians 2:14-16).

So everytime we rebuild the wall of hostility we are undoing what Christ did to destroy it. Someone once told me that its like crucifyig Christ all over again. Ouch! So how do we keep this wall of hostility torn down from being rebuilt? Well we learn from Christ himself what it took to tear it down.

IF WE WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BE ONE AND TO CROSS INTO THE ONE NEW WORLD WE MUST LOOK TO THE CROSS. THE GREATEST CROSSING OF ALL TIME!

"For God so LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16).

"³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another," (John 13:34-35).

"¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends," (John 15:12-13).

The question is posed: What if christians were as passionate as the ones who attacked America on 9/11?

2. How would you answer the above stated question?

As I reflected, the Spirit of God reminded me that if christians were so passionate it would look like the crusades. Now I have no time to get into the history of the crusades and whether it was good or bad. I simply want to pose us a question to reflect on.

Is that what the Lord had hoped for when he said go out and make disciples? If Jesus came back and could be interviewed what do you think He would say about all that and other events similar to those things that have been done for the sake of Jesus?

As I studied church history in semiary, I realized man is always getting it wrong. From the very beginning they thought their messiah would be a warring king and yet he was a sacrificial lamb. I believe The Passion of Chist was what brought us peace.



"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace (shaloam) was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed,"
(Isaiah 53:5 NIV)

As a matter of fact, throughout scripture Jesus came to show us a different way.

So what's the problem? Why is the church whom we are called to be struggling to walk they way we have been shown to walk? In two words OUR FLESH. In other words our sin nature. GOD'S SOLUTION: His Spirit!

That's why the Feasts are sooooo important. 10 days of awe and reflection into Sukkot!

Through Jesus we now can have the very Spirit of Jesus living on the inside of us. We host His very presence and He will lead and guide our every thought and action.

Pastor Theresa if Jesus is within me why do i still act out wrongly in my flesh?

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law," (Galatians 5: 16-18).

When you come to Christ, immediately you Spirit is renewed. However, Its the Soul (the mind will emotions) that still needs to be transformed.

Jesus made the greatest crossing of all time - the Cross - passing from death into life.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life," (John 5:24).

If we want to cross into the one new world we must put our faith in Jesus because apart from him we will surely fail, we will surely die. And here's the thing this one new world is NOW even though it has not yet been fully realized.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

OG #2: Think about it? What part of your old life is gone? What do you recognize in your life now that is new that you know is because of Jesus? Here's a good question: What part of my old life is still present that I know Holy Spirit is telling me has to go? What ever that is, may I encourage you to ask Christ to empower you to crucify it!



Galatians 2:20 tells us we must be, 'crucified in Christ!' What does that mean? Well in short its I die to myself, my flesh, my souliness so that I might come alive in the power of His Spirit. As I daily die to myself, I am choosing to allow Jesus to truly be my Lord. I allow for His Spirit to lead me.

Think with me...God is love therefore Jesus is love. Jesus is called prince of peace. And the word tells me that His words are lamp to my feet.

So I follow love, I follow the peace, and I follow the TRUTH of God's WORD to the best of my ability. In so doing, I am transformed by the renewing of my mind.

Remember when P Glenn shared last week? So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ROMANS 10:17

The world doesn't need information, or inspiration. What we need is Rhema Revelation!

Rhema Revelation leads to spirit Formation and a soul transformation. As we become completely transformed in Christ, THEN we will truly Host the Presence of God here on this earth and usher in the coming kingdom, God's ONE NEW WORLD.