

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 3: IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

KNOWLEDGE

When Jesus walked on this earth some 2000 years ago, their civilization would be considered primitive to ours today. Electricity had yet to be discovered and there was no modern way of powering wagons or ships like we have today. Ships were powered by sails or men with oars and transportation was carried out by camels, horses and donkeys. Buildings were erected through manpower and roads and canals were built using shovels, picks and other hand tools. Knowledge in science, geography and history wasn't extensive and the education a man could obtain was very limited compared to what is available today. However, when it came to spiritual matters, the knowledge Jesus imparted to the Apostle's was far superior to what we have today. The spiritual knowledge in the Bible is so advanced, there is no room for improvement, and will be good until the day Jesus returns to the earth.

Psalm 2:1-12 (written around 1,000 B.C.)

Isaiah 55:6-9 (written around 700 B.C.)

Daniel 12:4 (written around 600 B.C.)

Matthew 5:17-19 (spoken by Jesus some 2,000 years ago)

THE STUPIDITY OF MANKIND

- ❑ In the last 120 years, man has learned how to harness electricity, build combustion engines, steam turbines and jet engines. We also discovered the atomic, hydrogen and neutron bombs. As a result, man has been able to fly in the air, drive cars, use ships and submarines to crisscross the oceans, travel to the moon, build orbiting satellites and even erect a station in outer space. Man now builds computers, radios, televisions, cell phones, etc.
- ❑ But the hideous character of mankind has not changed. People still steal, murder, cheat, lie, commit fornication, adultery and incest. Marriages still end up in divorce and spouses and children are abused. Instead of sacrificing children on the altar of Moloch, they are now murdered in abortion clinics.
- ❑ Sickness has always abounded but there are more kinds of sickness on the earth today than there were 2,000 years ago; this is the result of people eating substances which God said not to eat. Not only is man eating banned substances, but he is also processing good food with preservatives and chemical agents (i.e. canola oil, margarine etc.) and turning it into junk food. Instead of drinking water and fruit juices, people crave soft drinks loaded with



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chemicals that are harmful to the human body. People also like to eat ice cream, unless it is natural, it is usually made with chemicals and devoid of any milk products.

- ❑ There are many small wars raging all over the earth right now. With all this modern technology, warlords are now able to kill their enemies in larger numbers in a shorter time.
- ❑ There is a building boom for prisons and hospitals around the world. Building prisons and hospital is not progress; it is something we have to do because of a deficiency. This deficiency is a result of man's sin and stupidity.

LINING UP WITH THE WORD OF GOD

In order for Christian's to recapture the spiritual knowledge that Jesus imparted to the apostle's, we must determine how Jesus and the early church thought. The Bible is the only source for this knowledge! Therefore, let's begin by looking at the teaching of the Apostle Paul and his understanding of living in the flesh (natural) versus living in the Holy Spirit realm: **Romans 8:1-17**

Verse 1: Do not walk in the flesh. (lust, emotions, greed, etc.)

Verse 2: Being free from the law of sin and death.

Verse 3: Soulsh Christians are bound to the physical world.

Verse 4: Spiritual Christians are connected to God through the Holy Spirit.

Verse 5: A Christian cannot be spiritual and worldly at the same time.

Verse 6: Soul power leads to physical death, Spirit power leads to life and peace.

Verses 7-8: Soulsh Christians cannot please God.

Verses 9-11: The same power of the Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is flowing through the body of each believer in Christ.

Verses 12-13: Unsaved people are spiritually dead, while born again people are alive through the Holy Spirit.

Verses 14-16: The believer in Christ should have no fear; we are the children of God

Verse 17: Every believer in Christ is a joint-heir with Jesus Christ

STATEMENTS

1. From the time of Christ, mankind has sunk mentally and morally into a pit of stupidity, and at the same time, we have advanced civilization and risen to a high technical level. God addressed this situation 1,900 years ago through Paul. **Romans 1:18-32**
2. The flood took place 1,676 years after God created Adam, which is 4,446 years ago. Prior to the flood, Satan and his angels transferred technical knowledge and immorality to the human race. (**Genesis 6:1-6**)

3. God sent his Son into the world 2,440 years later, who transferred spiritual knowledge and morality to the human race. This transfer is timeless and will never be revised by God, regardless what human beings think. **Hebrews 13:8**
4. The battle raging on the earth is fought in the minds of men. **Romans 12:1-2**

ARE YOU A MORAL OR IMMORAL PERSON?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?