

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOKS OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 1: GOD SPEAKS TO ME

MY DARK HOUR

During the month of September 2007, my wife and I took two weeks off to rest and seek the Lord. We had not had a rest period for about two years and were worn out, physically and spiritually. During the second week, I became depressed and went into a deep darkness. Below is what I recorded on my computer on September 10th:

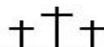
After calling back people in the ministry on Sunday night, I became very depressed. There was no money for the rent, a check had been written and given to the landlord Sunday afternoon, and according to the treasurer, it had to be covered with money from my federal tax fund in our savings account. No new people had attended our church while we were gone, and only the small core group (leadership and their wives) had attended the Sunday services. When I prayed before I went to sleep, I told God I felt disappointed, abandoned by God and left out to dry on the clothesline, deceived, and the prophecy given to me some eight months ago was not really from Him.

I surrendered to preach in 1967, and some 40 years later, the ministry "given to me" by God in my opinion was a flop. There was very little money, just a few people attending, and an abundance of heartaches and disappointments. It seemed the more we helped people, the more they stabbed us in the back when they took off, after we had invested hundreds of hours of prayer, deliverance and counseling.

After I had told the Lord about this, I realized that I could not get bitter, after all, He is God and there is nothing I can do if He decided that I was a "dud." All I could do is to accept it and be happy; at least I am saved and will spend eternity in heaven.

I told God in my prayer, that I felt like the paratroopers who worked hard to prepare for the D-Day landing in Normandy in 1944. When they jumped out of the airplanes, the invasion planners had not taken into account that some of the drop zones were swamps, and as a result, thousands of paratroopers came down in the swamps and died without ever firing a shot. They were wasted and all their training was for nothing.

I finished my prayer by telling God that regardless if I am a useless "dud" that will never amount to much here on earth, I still love Him, and He is my Father who knows best. I would accept my fate and bear it cheerfully. **Jeremiah 20:8-18**



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THE VISION

After I had gone to sleep that night, God woke me up around one in the morning. My sleep was gone from me and my mind was clear as the Holy Spirit began speaking to me. I realized that my prayer had been heard in heaven and God was ready to give me an answer. Here is the vision I received while I was awake for some hours before I went back to sleep:

The Christian Church in general is being deceived and taken down the wrong path. Other distraught pastors and I have lamented over this and exposed the errors. Our effort has not been able to stop this juggernaut created by the Devil; it is like firing BB guns at an alligator. The exposing had to be done and continues, but God has a counter plan.

Matthew 13:10-15

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS came flashing into my mind over and over again. Jesus came to save mankind, He set up His church, and the Holy Ghost was the power building the church at the time of the Book of Acts. **Matthew 13:16-23; Acts 1:4-8**

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

A few days prior to my vision, God gave me the following statements, which are a building block to the vision.

- ❑ The Bible is the revelation from God of who He is, what He has done and what He will do.
- ❑ God is not asking for advice from the human race, but informing all humans of his plans regardless if we approve of them or not.
- ❑ Man is futilely discussing the origin of life and debating the issue with one another when God has already told them He is the creator. This information is freely available and can be read in the Bible.
- ❑ God has told the human race that it is sinful because of the sin of Adam and Eve, and as a result, all human beings are destined for the Lake of Fire unless they accept God's offer, paid for by Jesus Christ at the cross. Acceptance of this offer is a total declaration of spiritual bankruptcy on part of the person, repentance from sins, a willingness to turn from sin, and making Jesus Christ Lord and Saviour in the person's life.
- ❑ God never said that this offer was open to discussion; it is either take it or leave it.
 - Jesus stated this clearly when he said, *"You must be born again..."*
John 3:1-8
 - Jesus also said, *"No man can come to the Father but through me"*
John 14:6

- The Apostle Peter stated that “...*there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*” from eternal damnation.
Acts 4:10-12
- ❑ The Gospel of Jesus Christ was not given to men so that they could build better societies on this earth. The Gospel was given so that men could be saved from spending eternity in the Lake of Fire. Social changes are a byproduct by the Gospel when men have become born again.
- ❑ Just because technology has increased on the earth and we are now living in the 21st century will not change the fundamental truth presented by God through his Word as found in the Bible.
- ❑ God is not interested in consensus among religious people; God is looking for obedience and a total surrender to His will as presented in the Bible.
- ❑ God is not impressed by the education, technical advances and sophistication of men, after all He is the Creator, He owns the whole universe, He created all the spiritual and physical laws, and all that man has done is discover what God created for man to use or abuse. Man has never invented anything, all man has done is to discover and learn what God created in the first place.
Isaiah 55:1-11
- ❑ Regardless of what religion a man has, once he is dead, there is judgment and he will either end up in heaven or hell. **Hebrews 9:27**
- ❑ No religion on earth can save a man from hell, only a personal born again experience through Jesus Christ will save a man from hell. Thus, all the different religions on the earth can be classified as portals to hell, compliments of the founder of that religion. **Revelation 20:10-15**
- ❑ Christianity is not a religion; it is a personal relationship between God and man that will last for eternity.
- ❑ God has never used “methods” as a means to bring His message to the human race. It was given through His prophets, who spoke as the Holy Ghost gave them utterance. God’s prophets never attended “prophetic schools” in order to learn to prophecy, neither did ministers like Moses, Joshua, Daniel, etc. attend seminars to learn the latest technique to reach a certain generation, instead, they were empowered by the divine power of the Holy Ghost. **2 Peter 1:16-21**
- ❑ **The message from God’s spokesmen has always been the same, TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!**
- ❑ No compromise, no consensus, no discussions, no seminars, no methods!
Acts 4:6-13

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