

THIS IS US

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The church is filled with volunteers from all walks of life, all having differing skills and abilities. All of us are filled with the Holy Spirit with the same evidence of speaking in tongues, with all spiritual gifts available.

WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT PEOPLE BUT HAVE THE SAME SPIRITUAL BEGINNING... Acts 2: Acts 2:4 (KJV) *4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Most of us are just average people or less. **1COR 1:26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise** men after the flesh, **not many mighty, not many noble**, are called: **27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **29** That no flesh should glory in his presence.

THIS IS THE AGE WE NOW LIVE IN... THE NATIONS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE CORRUPTING THEMSELVES PAST THE POINT OF REPAIR.

Everyone oppressed by each other. **ISA 3:8** For **Jerusalem** is ruined, and **Judah** is fallen: **because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD**, to provoke the eyes of his glory (*David, Solomon and Jesus are all the descendants of Judah. The Western nations all rose to power on the back of Abraham's blessings, by following God's ways and promoting spiritual values. They are now rejecting these values and God is rejecting them at a national level*). **9** The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not (*Many people see sin as good and promote it... they also see ethics and morals as bad*). **Woe unto their soul!** for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. **10** Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings (*the spiritually wise are safe... they reap what they sew*). **11** Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands **shall be given him**. **12** As for my people (*Abraham's descendants of promise*), **children** (*immature and unskilled*) are their **oppressors** (*increase the burdens of life*), and **women** rule over them (*men are too weak or increasingly not allowed to rule*). **O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy** (*everything of working value is being destroyed without remedy*) **the way of thy paths**. *The world is now obsessed with victimhood, racism, sexism, etc.. This can also happen quickly in the church if we move away from scriptural principles.*

WE HAVE A GOD GIVEN DESTINY TO HONOUR... WE NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY.

We are not our own. **1COR 6:19** What? know ye not that your **body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are **bought with a price** (*God has a great investment in you*): therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. *Even though the nations and churches are slowly falling apart... we don't need to follow them.*

VALUE OF THE TEMPLE IN MONETARY TERMS.

How much did Solomon's temple cost? *The amount of gold, silver and bronze, along with other precious metals and expensive timber, are recorded in various places in the Bible.*

1CHR 22:14- 100,000 talents of gold, 1 million talents of silver, bronze and iron too great to be weighed.

1CHR 29:3- 3,000 talents of gold, 7,000 talents of silver from David's personal treasures.

1CHR 29:7- 5,002.5 talents of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze, 100,000 talents of iron.

1KIN 5:10- King Hiram of Tyre provided timber and gold (cost 20 towns in Galilee. **1 Kings 9:11**).

Totals. *One talent is approximately 34k, so 108,002.5 talents of gold (3,672,085k) and. 1,017,000 talents of silver would be 34,578,000K! The gold alone of Solomon's temple values today at \$275,406,375,000. The silver would have been \$39,764,700,000. Added together, the gold and silver used alone in Solomon's Temple was worth \$315,171,075,000. Gold and silver are undervalued today, being a quarter of their traditional value. The cost of the temple remains consistent, no matter how many may be built... no matter how many might exist.*

YOUR MULTIPLE VALUE TO GOD IS REVEALED IN THE FOLLOWING DETAILS.

This is also who God says you are. **1PET 2:9** But ye are a **chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should **shew forth the praises** of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: **10** Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. **11** Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which **war against the soul**; *We are encouraged to not let the world get in the way.*

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT.

We are here to build the church by filling the gaps. **EPH 4:14** That we henceforth be **no more children** (*immature and unstable as mentioned in Isaiah 3:12*), tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: **16** From whom the **whole body fitly joined together and compacted** by that which **every joint supplieth**, according to the **effectual working** in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the **edifying of itself in love**. *God is making us better versions of ourselves so we have much more to offer the church... if we let him.*

For Spirit filled people (us), an active love of these bible truths and their outcomes is our common bond.