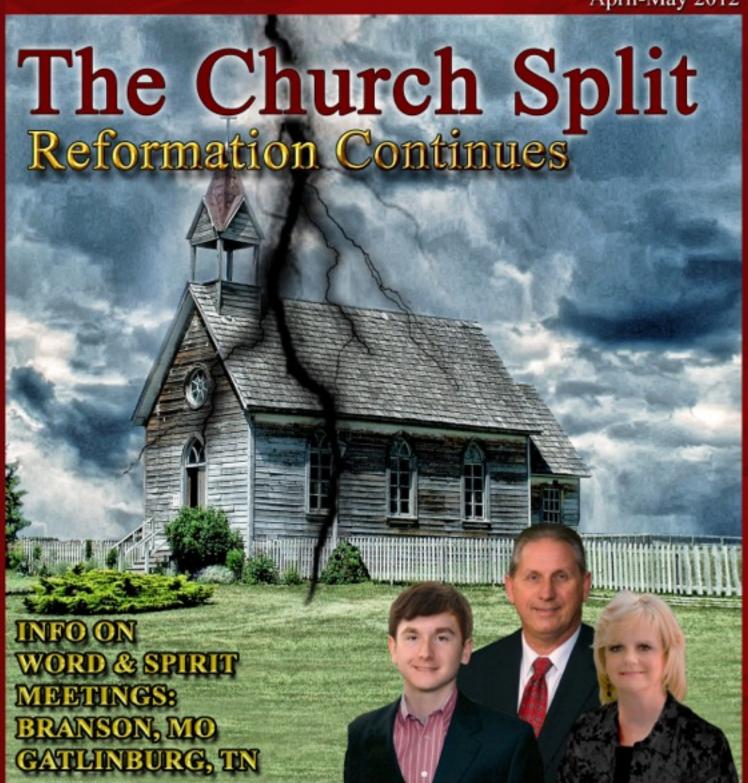
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THE CHURCH SPLIT

Reformation Continues

For the last several weeks, I have been praying about what the Lord wanted me to publish in our newsletter. I wrote several articles only to have a sense in my spirit that it was not what the Lord wanted me to say. The natural analogy is that it was like washing your feet with your socks on - something just wasn't right. While seeking the Lord, He told me to republish what He spoke to me several years ago. I asked Him why. He said, "Many in the church world, that used to be led by My Spirit and followed My Word, are being seduced to turn away from My ways. Publish this to compel, admonish, and warn those who are following this deceptive attitude to repent and turn back to me. Failure to do so will cause much heartache, confusion, and failure."

Kenneth E. Hagin taught me to preach for something and not against something. That is what I talked to the Lord about when He told me preach on this subject. I felt like I was being against something. The Lord Jesus Said to me, "You are to speak on this to identify what is going on in the church and clarify it so others may see, so they can make a choice on which way they want to go." The grace and peace of God came upon me, and the Lord Jesus assured me that He would be by my side, so I committed to do His will.

In September 2007, I was spending time fasting, praying and seeking the Lord. One morning, I was sitting at my desk meditating on the Bible. The Spirit of God spoke to me and said, "There is a split, separation or division taking place in the church. Out of this church split two types of churches will emerge. One will be an Informational Church and the other will be a Revelational Church." The Lord Jesus told me that He was telling me this so I could watch out for it and prepare for it. I was impressed not to say anything publicly about it at that time. I still have the piece of paper where I wrote down what was told me that day.

On August 4, 2009, the Lord Jesus spoke to me about this church split again. I was ministering in a church service when the Spirit of God gave me more revelation on the Informational Churches and Revelational Churches. The Lord continued to deal with me about this into the early morning hours of August 5, 2009.

Jesus said, "This split or division has been going on for about three years (since 2006) but it will increase greatly in the next few years.

The popularity of informational type churches, built around social gatherings and programs, will cause this to occur. Informational churches are not built on the Word of God or My leading, but on the plans of men and they will eventually implode because of sin and false doctrine. I will establish those who have built their church on My revelation and My Word and they will flourish and grow."

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WRONG?

Why do we find America and the world in the state it is in today? Our present society is in a state of spiritually demonic, and morally rotten decay. It is not because Americans and the world love wicked behavior. It is directly related to the fact, that the influence of humanism has been greater on our culture than the influence of the church. The church has been influenced by the world.

HUMANISM IS NOT NEW - THE RENAISSANCE

The Renaissance period covers the years 1300 to 1600. The date is not exact. Renaissance is a term referring to humanistic studies and artistic accomplishments. The term Renaissance describes an attitude toward life which values earth more than heaven, the immortality of fame over immortality of the soul, the striving for success more than striving for what is right, and humanism over Christianity. Extreme Renaissance humanism led to denial of personal sin and the necessity of forgiveness. Today, it is RELIGION that desires social interaction without the Word or Spirit of God.

SAME DEVIL - DIFFERENT DAY!

THE REFORMATION - MARTIN LUTHER

The Lord Jesus Christ always has a remnant that will not bow down to the religious system that is humanistic, satanic and of this world. Just like Martin Luther was raised up 495 years ago to bring about reformation in the church, the Lord is doing the same thing today.

The Reformation began on October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Saxony, in present-day Germany. It started when German Monk, Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-five Theses* to the door of Castle Church, which served as a notice board for university related announcements. Martin Luther made a translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into German that allowed the common people to understand the Word of God. He was raised up by the Lord Jesus Christ to bring about reformation in the church. The Lord has started another reformation today because things are out of His divine order in the church.

INFORMATIONAL CHURCHES

These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. (Jude 19)

Informational Churches have a keynote truth that they are established upon. They have moved away from the Bible and the Holy Ghost and have established their own form of unbiblical, unspiritual and humanistic worship.

This "new church model" is not the one we should join ourselves with. I am not saying that the "old church model" didn't need a change but this makeover that is sweeping through the church is headed in the wrong direction. It seems that Satan always takes advantage of our desperation in the church. Yes, I desperately want to see a change and fresh fire, like you. Satan takes advantage of this and gets us to accept something he packaged, instead of what the Lord Jesus Christ designed.

CHARACTERISTICS OF INFORMATIONAL CHURCHES

These churches started off with the Lord but got off by yielding to seducing spirits. (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

The devil's job is to lead people off into error and that is going on today. These churches actually declare doctrines of devils and don't even realize it. The Bible is twisted and distorted to fit their point of view.

These churches are based on plans of man and not on the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God. (Matthew 16:23, Romans 16:17, Ephesian 4:14)

Jesus rebuked Peter because he wanted his human plans to come to pass instead of the plan of God. The Lord is displeased today with every church that will not follow the Bible, the leading of the Holy Ghost and Him.

The spirit of the world and the things of the world are in the church. (1 John 4:15-17)

These churches have become entertainment centers. There is very little difference from attending this type church, and a worldly theatrical production or show. Sometimes you don't know if you're in a nightclub or church. The sensuality and physical displays in the church bring out the flesh and soul instead of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it was substituting brass for gold in the church. I would encourage you to read Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Plans, Purposes & Pursuits*. These churches yield to the spirit of the world and that leads to demonic influence.

The Pastor and Church Leaders spend most of their time playing instead of praying and studying the Bible. (Acts 6:1-5a)

Jesus believed in resting because he told his disciples to go apart into a desert place and rest. He was speaking of resting temporarily, not forever. Vacations are fun and good but you can't live on an eternal vacation and fulfill the plan of God.

I personally take the Lord, the Holy Ghost, my Bible and study books with me on vacation. You can't be effective or anointed without prayer and Bible study.

Messages are based on secular views and opinions of natural men and women, not the Word of God and Holy Spirit. (1 Timothy 1:4)

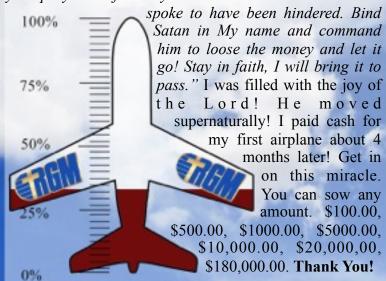
You can't spend your time reading secular books, novels and magazines or cruising the internet and social sites and have a Holy Ghost, Biblical anointed message from God. Rev. Smith Wigglesworth wouldn't allow anyone to bring a newspaper into his house. We have a lot to learn. Extreme! Yes, but how many people did he raise from the dead. He would only read the Bible. He must have known something about how to obtain the Power of God. Yes, I read other spiritual books besides the Bible.

The Pastor, Church Leaders and members are caught up with the latest fashions, and looking and acting like a Hollywood Star. (1 John 2:15)

There is a desire to reach more people, and the thought is we have to change the entire church culture to do this. The motto of this new church culture is to be relevant and adapt different methods. Yes, we need to be relevant and change did need to occur. It must not be reckless abandon of good sound principles and practices though. The church has always had a tendency to get in the ditch on this side or that side of Biblical subjects.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. (Hab. 2:3)

I received my private pilot certificate in 1988. I set my faith for my first airplane that year also. For 3 long years it seemed like nothing was happening. In 1991, I got greatly concerned about why it seemed nothing was happening. I prayed and told the Lord I must have missed His will. Suddenly, He spoke to me and said, "I heard your prayer the first day and sent the answer but those I



THE RGM AIRPLANE

Satan has taken advantage of this rebellion and pushed the church into the "Hollywood Star" mentality. The Hollywood look, with "you look hot" (a sexual term), tight clothes, crevices and cracks are all on display in the new church model today. It's John Travolta! No, it is Brad Pitt! No, it is Tom Cruise! No, "My Lord and My God," it is a preacher, maybe a Christian! Are you sure?! It's Britney Spears! No, it is Paris Hilton! No, it is Angelina Jolie! No, "My Lord and My God," it is a woman preacher, maybe a Christian! Are you sure?!"

Sadly, many preachers are becoming like the culture in the world. Everyone that I have known that got really involved in this Hollywood mentality left their spouse, children, church or ministry, and got involved with another man or woman. It is a temptation that looks innocent, relevant and necessary at first, but ends in disaster.

PARTNERSHIP ON THE MOUNT

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. (Matthew 17:1)

Jesus Christ had twelve disciples but only three of them went up on the mount of transfiguration with Him. They received a greater revelation and I know it was because they assisted the Lord and followed Him more closely than the others.

I know in our entitlement society where all want to receive on an equal basis, whether it is earned or not, this idea does not fit well. The Lord Jesus Christ believed in rewarding those who supported Him, followed Him closely and wanted to see His ministry expand. Those who didn't were not rewarded in the same way. Jesus did not take from those who deserved a position because they were faithful, and give it to those who were unfaithful.

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I will say that it is certainly hard, if not impossible, to discover who a pastor, minister or Christian is, from the way they dress, the way they talk, look and act. They dress, talk, look and act so much like the world you think you need to tell them about Jesus and get them saved. From the outward appearance, there is little or no difference from the appearance of the world. Body markings, and piercings have become accepted.

I certainly agree that what you wear does not make you a Christian or preacher, only the Lord Jesus can do that. What you wear does define who you are to others though. If you dress like a clown, people will identify you as a clown. If you dress like the world, people will identify you with the world. At one time, I wore convict clothes and was identified as a convict.

It seems that about the only career or profession, with exception of a few, that you can't define who they are when on duty, by outward dress, is the new church model leaders. You can tell who the military, police officers, detectives, doctors, nurses, Walmart employees, mechanics, airline pilots, flight attendants, fire fighters, bank presidents, Wall Street stock market traders, athletes, civil servants, postal workers, business executives, news commentators, sports broadcasters, NASCAR drivers, phone and cable company technicians, UPS, Fed-ex and McDonald's employees, etc are, but how do I find a preacher?

Some final thoughts are, we should not look disheveled, unkept, or disoriented. We are not to dress like the culture the world demands. We are to change the culture of our society.

The entire church and service is designed to please people and not the Lord. (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

The study is on to find out what the people want and give it to them. That does not agree with the Bible or Jesus Christ. Find out what the Bible and Jesus wants the people to have and give it to them. We must not forget that we are working for Jesus Christ. People should come as they are but never leave as they came. These churches make people feel good but no lasting change ever occurs. The Holy Ghost is not welcome and He is the only one that can change them. The works of the flesh, found in Galatians chapter five, are in manifestation in this church.

The message is never designed to demand a response or action from the people for fear of offending them. (Hebrews 13:6)

This church model operates on competition between other churches like them, and fear of failure seems to drive these churches. The decision is made to never offend anyone with the Bible, because they must grow their church at all costs. The people develop their own idea of who Jesus is and whether the Bible is true or not.

These churches have the works of the flesh operating through the Pastor, Church Leaders and People. (Jude 18-19, Galatians 5:19-21)

When these churches first came to light, Jesus spoke to me and said, "All the works of the flesh will be in operation through these churches because they will not have the Spirit of God.

All sexual sin, including homosexuality and lesbianism will thrive in this environment. Witchcraft and evil spirits will work through the flesh and many unbiblical actions will occur."

Jesus Christ stands at the door of this church and knocks. Jesus spews them out of His mouth. (Revelation 3:16, 20)

The message to the seven churches of revelations refer to real churches during that time. I also believe it can refer to certain spiritual conditions of any era. I believe that the same spirit of the Laodicean church is at work today. They thought they had it all together, but Jesus said they were wretched, poor, blind and naked. They didn't need Jesus but Jesus said they did. This "new church model" exemplifies this attitude today.

"We are to influence the culture of the world to Jesus Christ, not be influenced by the culture of the world!"

Satan has deceived this church into believing a lie. These churches will eventually fail because of sin and false doctrine being revealed. (Revelation 12:9; 2:5)

This church model has been deceived by Satan and anything he is involved in always fails. Sin will be exposed and the false will be revealed and it will fail. We must not copy this church model.

REVELATIONAL CHURCHES

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18-19)

The central truth of this church model is that they are committed to strict adherence to the Bible, Holy Ghost and the Lord Jesus Christ. This commitment causes them to walk in total victory over Satan.

CHARACTER OF REVELATIONAL CHURCHES

These churches are committed to the Word of God, the Lord Jesus and yield to the Holy Spirit. (1 Timothy 4:13-16)

This church model knows that there is a supernatural outpouring of the Spirit of God that we are in the edges of. They seek God in prayer and will not accept anything that does not come directly from heaven. They realize, that if you ever embrace the false you will never have the real.

These churches are based on the teachings of the Bible with a strict adherence to Biblical doctrines. (Romans 16:17)

The Bible is the constitution of this church and they will not alter it to fit the ideology of any people group. They do not yield to the pressure of being politically correct or popular.

Worldly ways are not allowed in the church through any source or person. (1 John 2:15)

This church knows that you can't be popular with the world and be powerful through Jesus Christ. They are not moved by crowds. They want what the Lord Jesus wants.

The way to heaven is straight and narrow and it is not crowded. If you find out which way 80% of the church world is going, and go the opposite way, by default, you will be going in the right direction.

The Word of God, Holy Spirit, and miracles are treasured and sought after in these churches. (Acts 4:29-31)

This church model is willing to pay the price of praying and seeking God for the miraculous. They know it is the only way to set the captive free and win the world to Jesus Christ, before it is too late.

The Pastor and Church Leaders spend most of their time praying and studying the Bible instead of playing. (Acts 6:3-4)

They are filled with joy as they fellowship with the Lord Jesus and study His Word. They have crucified fleshly desires and discovered a place in the Spirit that few pay the price to find. During this time, they receive the wisdom of God and are filled with His power and walk in and teach others divine victory. They take time off and vacation with the Lord.

Messages are based on a Revelation received from the Lord in prayer and Bible study. (Galatians 1:12)

The ministers in this church model know that what the latest Corporate CEO, Movie Star or American Idol craze, etc, has said, have nothing to do with the message the church needs to hear. They are committed to speaking what the Lord Jesus has revealed them in His Word. The methods they use are relevant because they are approved by Jesus Christ.

The Pastor and Ministers preach with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts operate through them. (Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

This church model operates with the anointing of the Holy Ghost because they believe in the Holy Ghost, speak in tongues themselves, and boldly preach that all should have this experience. The gifts of the Spirit are in constant operation because they are believed in and taught to the people.

The Word and Spirit causes this type of church to be balanced in doctrine. Many people are won to Jesus Christ through their preaching of the Gospel.

The Pastor, Leaders and people separate and consecrate themselves to the Lord in thought, lifestyle and deed. (Ephesians 4:1, 1 Timothy 4:12)

This church model knows that without holiness no man shall see the Lord Jesus. They separate themselves from the world's ways, not because they dislike people of the world, but they love the Lord Jesus more. They know the closer they adhere to the Bible, the greater God's power and Glory will be in manifestation. This church model is not concerned with being politically correct or popular with the world.

The church service is prayed out in advance and carried out in accordance with what the Lord wants to do, not man. (Mark 16:20, John 5:19)

This church model knows that the Lord only occupies what He designs. Moses built the tabernacle and King David had the temple built according to the heavenly pattern or plan. They know the Lord Jesus has a plan for every church and service and seek Him for it and put it into action. There is no lack of the Power of God, Holy Ghost and Gifts of the Spirit in this church model! The people always receive the anointing to walk in victory.

The message always requires a response from the people. They are challenged to grow in the Lord. (Acts 20:32)

This church knows that people must make the decision to change and not remain the same. They are not afraid of offending them and ask them to make a choice to go on in the Lord. These people mature quickly.

These churches have the Fruit of the Spirit, Ministry Gifts and Gifts of the Spirit in operation. (Galatians 5:22-24, Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Cor. 12:8-10) This occurs because the people are taught the highest and best of the Word of God and are challenged to obtain it. They recognize all the ministry gifts - Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher and have them into their churches to minister to the people. They understand that in most meetings, pastors minister in the majority and the body can never fully develop that way. The Gifts of the Spirit flow freely through these anointed ministry offices.

The Word of God, Holy Ghost and Jesus Christ are welcome at all times. (Acts 4:29-31)

It matters not who is in attendance, Jesus, the Holy Ghost and the Word of God will be given first place. Jesus is pleased with this attitude and action.

These churches are blessed by the Lord and will eventually flourish and grow because they follow the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 16:18-19)

These churches walk by faith in the fact, that if they stay with the Lord Jesus they will prosper. They refuse to yield to the temptation of what is popular. They humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, for He will exalt them in due time!

The below scripture was Kenneth E. Hagin's keynote verse for his life and ministry and I have accepted it as my own. I encourage you to join me.

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1

I do not compromise the Word of God, the Holy Ghost and influence the culture of the world to Jesus!

Acts Fellowship International was founded by Randall Grier during a time of fasting and prayer in September of 1996. The Lord said that He wanted him to start an organization. His immediate response to the Lord was, "Why do we need another organization?" The Lord immediately answered and said, "Why did I have twelve tribes in Israel?" He said, "Each tribe had a different purpose or anointing to accomplish a specific task for His Kingdom." He said, "No, one, organization will have all the anointing."

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PRAYER FOR SUPREME COURT AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



While in prayer on June 30, 2005, I had a vision I was standing in the Supreme Court. A large demonic creature was sitting in one of the chairs where the Justices sit. I was shocked at what I saw! I found myself pointing at the demon and saying, "I see you! I see you! I know now how all these ungodly laws are passed. You are behind it! I command you to come down from there in the name of Jesus Christ! The demon jumped down to the floor, trembling and shaking. I said, "I command you to leave in the name of Jesus Christ!" It ran out the door.

On February 22, 2008, I was praying about the Presidential office of the United States of America. I had a vision and saw a large demonic creature that had its arms around the Presidential office of the United States of America. I saw that this creature was trying to hinder the Presidential election that was going on at that time. In the vision, I saw the creature was being affected by the prayers of the saints. The prayers of the saints were like a sword sticking into its side. It would grimace with pain and discomfort as the prayers of the saints

caused it to lose its grip on the Presidential office. It never totally let go of the Presidential office in my vision, but the prayers of the saints almost caused it to lose its grip. The Lord said to me that the church needs to pray for this Presidential election because the outcome will greatly affect this country. The Lord told me what happened in 1 Samuel chapter 8 would happen if the wrong person was elected. That is why we are having all the problems we are having in the United States today.

The problems of the U.S. will never be solved by a political party, Supreme Court, financial guru, or any other natural means. The problems we have are spiritual and the only solution is praying and seeking God to intervene in the affairs of our nation. We must also exercise our authority over demonic powers and command them to take their hands off of our nation in the name of Jesus Christ! Please join me in prayer about these matters.





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