

Get Right Church and Let's Go Home

Revelations 3:19-22 - As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. ²¹ To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. ²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Giving Honor to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to Revelation 3:19-22 (KJV) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is "Get Right Church and Let's Go Home."

Blessings and Favor to my brothers and my sisters. Straight out of the gate, this scripture reminded me of growing up and experiencing the love and let's say "Care-frontation" associated with being an African American male in a loving family, with values, morals, and... rules!!! This text was oftentimes put into action as I was a teenager running to get home before dark, praying that the streetlights didn't turn on their illumination. Oh, my goodness. Can I get a witness? And daylight saving time didn't help me at all. I struggled to get home before dark because I enjoyed playing basketball at the courts and football in the park, so oftentimes I was running home, because we had an unwritten rule that we (as adolescents) needed to be home before dark.

Our parents, grandparents, and family members made it clear and demonstrated in action that they loved us and that we needed to be home before dark from the perspective of safety. We also had chores and homework that we needed to attend to in many cases, as well. Praise God, we were loved and sometimes we also received some rebuke and were chastened. Communication has always been a strength in our family, so we understood the benefit and the need to be zealous and repent. The term zealous means to show great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or

objective. Repent means to feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin. I remembered being tardy after playing basketball and this very process (while turned up a few degrees) ignited my faith. I felt love and I also received some rebuke and was chastened. My faith was ignited, I got in a hurry, and I repented because I saw ,(and felt) the importance of operating under the love of my parents and the benefit of being safely blessed under their rules, which allowed me to better understand the purpose of the rule, and to... Well, Get Right with regard to mindset, purpose, priority, and Go Home. Many learn this principle as adults. The benefit of getting right and going home. Has anyone else experienced this type of key learning growing up?

In the world, oftentimes people may have what we might call a Burger King theology. That's when some of us want everything our way. Have you ever been there? In fact, Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father, except through Me." (John 14:6) God wants you to do it His way. God wants me to do it His way. God wants everybody to do it His way!!! Beloved, this Burger King theology or what many may call stinkin' thinkin'. This type of mindset didn't just start today, it's been around for a while. Ut Oh... Do you remember in the Old Testament... God sent a plague on Israel when David conducted a census? God ordered Moses to conduct two censuses. (Numbers 1:1-2; 26:1-2). God clearly warned that He would send a plague if the Israelites didn't do things His Way (Exodus 30:12). Let me say it again. When we decide to do things our way (Burger King theology or stinkin' thinkin') we are making a big mistake and there are consequences, rebuke, and chastening. The Good News is, it's not too late to repent. Do it today. Seek the Lord while He can be found. Ask the lord to forgive you of your sins.

Today, many Christians think that as long as they're doing good in some areas, they can disobey God's other commands. Sometimes God may wait patiently for a time, but eventually He calls you to repent (Revelations 3:19).

A call to repentance is a call for us to Get Right. Get Right Sir! Get Right Ma'am! Get Right Church! The song says, "Get right with God and do it now, Get right with God, He will show you how. Down at the Cross, where Jesus shed his Blood, Get right with God. Get Right, Get Right with God." But I also like that other songwriter that sang "Get right church and let's go home. O' You Better get right church and let's go home. (C'mon) Get right church and let's go home. (C'mon) Get right church, get right church. (C'mon and) Get right church and let's go home. You know that, I'm goin' home on the Morning train. (I'm goin' home on the morning train). I'm goin' home on that train. I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home on the morning train. (Because that) Evening train might be too Late (That evening train might be too late). (That) Evening train might be too late. (That) Evening train, (that) evening train (You know that) Evening train might be too late."

In closing, it's best to do All things God Way. Why? Because Christ is a living witness who loves us and He stands at the door of our hearts and knocks. Open your heart today and let the Lord come in to sup with you and you with Him. Get Right Church and Let's Go Home. To the one who overcomes, the Lord will grant you the blessing of sitting with Him in his throne. Even as He (Jesus Christ) overcame and sits down with God the Father in His throne. Listen to the Word of the Lord, all that have ears, everyone listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Hallelujah, Amen.