

The Increase of God's Government

We live in unprecedented and exciting times. I believe it is tremendous privilege to be alive in this day in time to be part of what the Holy Spirit is doing around the world. It seems however that many even in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ are fearful of the coming days. We as the body of Christ have a wonderful promise in scripture found in Isaiah 9:7 which declares "Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end." This scripture has tremendous implications for the people of God as we move forward in the coming days and weeks ahead. It is my desire to explore some of those implications in the following article.

The nature of the Kingdom of God is continual expansion:

Enhanced Strong's Lexicon defines increase as abundance and it defines government as rule and dominion. By defining these two words in Isaiah nine verse seven we can safely conclude that the desire of God is to have an abundance and increase of his rule and dominion in the earth continually. I believe the desire of God has always been to have a people that co-labored with the Holy Spirit to expand the Kingdom of God on a continual basis. A quick study of the book of Acts reveals that since the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the anointing only increased upon the Church even in the midst of persecution and troubles.

As believers we are God's delegated ambassadors:

When the prophet Isaiah declares of the increase of his government and peace with no end he is of course referring to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has now given us the task of continuing the expansion of his kingdom to every person who has been born again. We all have a personal responsibility to expand the kingdom of God in the sphere of influence in which we walk. If you are a student then God has placed on your campus to expand the Kingdom of God, if you are work at a company then God has called you to bring the Kingdom of God to that company, if you are a politician then God has called to expand the kingdom of God in the area of government. Wherever God has placed you, that is the place you where called to invade for the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God operates on the principle of expansion if we are not expanding the kingdom then we are actually losing ground to the enemy. Jesus as are model for life as believers, continually advanced the kingdom of God.

Faith dreams of the Impossible

I realize many may become discouraged by looking at the current state of events in the world or even in there sphere of influence and wonder how is the kingdom advancing? Or how can the kingdom of God ever be expanded in this area of society? Let me share with you what the Holy Spirit recently spoke to me while I was watching the terrible news in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. The Holy Spirit clearly spoke to me these words "Abner even on the devils best day he is still losing." I realize that it may not

look like that Kingdom of God is advancing in our communities, workplaces, but we as believers are not to take cues from circumstances but rather we are to look with the eyes of faith. We know that scripture teaches us that without faith it is impossible to please God. If we do not look through the eyes of faith we will not believe that we truly can expand the kingdom of God without limits in every area of society. The Holy Spirit is calling the body of Christ to begin to believe for expansion of his kingdom in ways we have never seen before so that the great commission can be fulfilled and entire nations can be transformed. The Holy Spirit is looking all across the earth for the remnant Church to believe that God to do, what has never be done before in history and to bring an increase of his government and his rule without limits before the second coming of Jesus. We have a responsibility as believers to dream and believe for God in his mercy and grace to do what has never been done in our lifetime.

An opportunity to shape the course of history

As a product of having my life radically changed by the Holy Spirit in a renewal movement of the mid 1990's people have commented to me over the years that a Church cannot live in a continual state of revival. I have always disagreed with such statements. I believe scripture teaches that when God moves in one generation, his desire is that the next generation would bring what he is already doing to a newer and dynamic level by following the leading of the Holy Spirit. As I write this today at the conclusion of 2005 we have an open door before us in the body Christ and that is to leave a legacy of the ever increasing government of God to our children, to our grandchildren, and for generations to come. I realize this has never been done before as no move of God has ever been birthed by a generation who was fathered in the area of revival but I believe the door is open to us now as the people of God to see what we have never seen before.