

EPHESIANS 5:1-14 "JESUS IS THE REAL ATTRACTION"

THROWBACK SUNDAY – Looking back on r Calvary Chapel ROOTS – JESUS MOVEMENT

- 1967 God work middle-aged preacher Chuck Smith/Lonnie Frisbee
 - o ERA Lost Hippies and Surfers – SEEKERS – SEARCHING FOR MEANING

MEANING FOUND: counterculture experience: drugs, sexual revolution, rejection of authority, **“turn on, tune in, and drop out”**

Same recycled lies that are repackaged for today’s society.

- Little church 25 ppl CC FOUND JESUS – not religion, systems, structures – THE PERSON. The Crucified, Resurrected and Ascended JESUS – that is awakening

MP: Turn on to Jesus, tune in to God, and drop out of the lies of this world.

Like every Great Awakening in America, people discovered that Jesus was the answer to their heart’s cry. That there is One Way to God, that is through His Son.

- **POTENTIAL FOR THAT AWAKENING IS NOW....not waiting – living it – to ppl – radiate his love and light – god touched some people – others attracted**

What is the real attraction

LOVE GOD AND IMITATE HIM

Children BY NATURE imitate what they see – LEARN WATCHIN YOU

- Don’t have to tell your kids: imitate walk, talk, treat people, ur likes dislikes

Where did you learn that from – I can’t believe how selfish johnny is...chip off OB

- THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE – we imitate God – we are HIS IMAGE BEARERS

To image bear means radiate the King and His Kingdom thru your life as you encounter Jesus and engage in His Kingdom purpose – we r chip off OB – cornerstone/ancient days I love my heavenly Father, and because I love Him I want to do what He does.

- Walk: Peripetao – lifestyle. Action. TO LIVE IT

BY RADIATING HIS LOVE

GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

- **GOD LOVES YOU – you are his beloved child. Lyrics**

THAT’S WHAT LOVE IS

LOVE: As Christ loved us, gave himself up for us, fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

- #1: Love sacrifices self for others: put others needs above your own
- #2: Love is purposed to please God: driving motivator is to please God with ALL
 - o God can take the most self centered, egotistical, arrogant, indifferent person and turn Him/Her into a pipeline of His love.

Romans 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured (shed abroad) into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. **rains water is channeled**

Christians are the living embodiment of God’s love.

WHAT LOVE ISN'T – CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHIC

World: sexual revolution, degraded, trivialized sex. LAS VEGAS WORLD CAPITAL

- **(1)** Christians don't exploit people for their own sexual gratification
 - o WE KNOW: Sex has been created by God to be shared between a married couple (1 man and 1 woman), to enjoy, express their love, deepen their bonds, demonstrate their exclusive lifelong fidelity, grow family

We're not married, I want to show u how much I love u. **That's not love. LOVE WAITS**

Love leads and attracts people to Jesus. It doesn't turn them away from Him.

- **(2)** Christians don't joke crudely about sex, but they give thanks to God for it
- **(3)** Christians don't covet what others have and fall into idolatry

Idolatry is wanting something other than God to worship bc he isn't enuf. **SP - COVET**

SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE, NOT THE CHILDREN OF GOD, DO THAT

RADIATE HIS LIGHT

GOD IS LIGHT – CHANGES YOU – living in darkness – blinded and in sin

- Transforms you: Child of light – not just of the light -

John 8:12 I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

- **(1) There is forgiveness** – there's not a sexual sin that has been committed that cannot be forgiven through repentance and faith In Christ.
 - o **SAY IT LIKE IT IS**
- **(2) Live in the light** (goodness, righteousness and truth)
 - o Discern: judge, determine what is PLEASING TO THE LORD
 - o **ISRAEL – out of Egypt, idolatry, customs, GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE**
- **(3) Live as the Light – you are children of light (IT IS REALITY – let it shine)**
 - o Light exposes what is hidden in the darkness – PURPOSE
 - o It wakes people up – DON'T BE ASHAMED THAT YOUR LIFE WAKES PPL
 - o God is calling people out of the darkness to His Son.

THIS PART IS KEY

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Like a moth to the flame – drawing people in – Jesus is the real answer

- o **THIS IS AWAKENING – it's attractional – not just the tech**
- That awakening can be a believer asleep in the dark
- The unsaved resurrected to spiritual life a fire needs one spark