

TITUS 3:1-5 REAL CHRISTIANITY

FISHING. Lures/Spinners. Entice the fish to bite. Little do they know

- **hanna caught 12 fish. I Caught a Hat...She is the fish whisperer**
 - o **The fish think its real – disappointed to discover – HOOKED. REELED**

Reason many people r disappointed in Christianity is that they're getting a false version.

- A moral and social good (code of ethics), cultural: tradition, society. moralistic therapeutic deism (feel good version), universalism (everyone goes to heaven no sin), prosperity gospel, Syncretism – **NONE SUPERNATURAL. LACK PWR**

MP: A good church is built on the gospel, anchored in Christ's saving power, and alive with the transforming presence of the Spirit.

- **GOSPEL: Transformation – Seed/Sprout Jn 12:25 – Worm/Butterfly Rom 12**

If the resurrection never happened, Jesus would be nothing more than a moral example to follow, with sacrifice being the highest virtue. THAT'S NOT THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

- **PAUL: Make sure ur life reflects REZ POWER. LOST – BE COMPASSIONATE – U USED TO BE JUST LIKE THEM BUT (THIS IS MAKES CHRISTIANITY DIFF)**

A GOOD CHURCH IS BUILT ON THE GOSPEL

PPL HOOKED ON WRONG VIEW OF GOD: angry, disinterested, demanding, petty, GOSPEL OF GOD'S GOODNESS – Not just His moral character. His disposit towards us

- **"GOD IS GOOD": WHAT DOES IT MEAN??** The restorative intent and power of God to heal us, protect us and renew our lives. **HEBREW WORD TOV**

GOSPEL OF LOVINGKINDESS: The Creator has a personal, compassionate affection for broken humanity. (U TODAY – UR BROKEN SPECIAL PLACE)

God's lovingkindness is not a cold, detached benevolence, but the warm compassion of a father bending low to lift his child from the dust. John Chrysostom

ALL MANIFESTED: GOD SENT HIS SON – INCARNATION – IN THE FLESH

- **According to His mercy –**

A GOOD CHURCH IS ANCHORED IN CHRIST'S SAVING POWER

PEOPLE HOOKED ON WRONG UNDERSTANDING HUMAN NEED. Jesus is like a chiropractor who makes adjustments. investment specialist pay bills.

HE SAVED US: To rescue, deliver, heal, make whole. INCAPABLE

- **Deliverance from Sin and Judgment**

Matthew 1:21: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will **save his people from their sins."**

- **Rescue from Death and Destruction**

2 Timothy 4:18: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and *save me* into his heavenly kingdom."

- Healing and Wholeness

Mark 5:34: "Your faith has **saved** you" (spoken to a woman healed of bleeding).

He did it. Not self-help it's divine intervention. HIS INITIATIVE. WANTS TO

Salvation is not just forgiveness; it is total restoration—spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical.

Story of British Born actor in Mumbai having dinner with friends before the terrorist attack. Heard the rounds of gunfire thinking it was firecrackers until it came closer. People were running and screaming. Bombs and grenades were exploding. He recounts that one of the terrorists was standing 3 feet from him pointing his gun at him. All of his friends were dead around him but the terrorist didn't shoot him. When asked how he survived – he said he wasn't sure. All he knows is that when he got up he was covered from head to toe with the blood of someone else and the terrorist passed him over taking him for dead. **COVERED IN THE BLOOD OF SOMEONE ELSE**

A GOOD CHURCH IS ALIVE WITH THE TRANSFORMING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PPL HOOKED ON A FALSE EXPECTATION: church is social, intel, image,

ALIVE WITH THE TRANSFORMING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

He is the **animating presence of God who applies the saving work of Jesus** to the human soul.

Forgotten member of the Trinity. **HE'S BEHIND THE SCENES. UNDERCOVER**

John 3:7: Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

- **YOU DON'T SEE ELECTRICITY BUT WHEN THE LIGHT COMES ON - POWER**
- **Washing of Regeneration:** Cleansing that produces rebirth
 - o **BLOOD AND WATER:** Blood of Christ and the Water or Power of SPIRIT
 - o **DEAD THINGS COME TO LIFE: VALLEY OF DRY BONES. NEW IOS**

The Spirit doesn't just dust off the old life—He **buries the old and births the new**. A good church is filled with people who didn't just get better; they were **born again**.

Ezekiel 36:26 And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you.

- **Renewal:** Not a one-time but a continual renewal – **CONSTANT RENOVATION**

The church is a community where the power of the Holy Spirit is always working to regenerate the lost and continually renew faithful followers of Christ.

We're not in the business of behavior modification—we're in the miracle business. And the miracle worker is the Holy Spirit. **When the church is fully alive, it's because the Spirit is fully welcome.**