

# **PRESSING ON IN 2021**

## **A MINISTRY REVIEW**

*"... this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,  
and reaching forth unto those things which are before..."*

*~ Philipians 3:13*

### **1. Time to Evaluate**

- a. Evaluation is not looking for something new: we have a purpose – Eph 3:9-11
- b. Evaluation serves to keep us on track: purifying, propagating, protecting the doctrine.
- c. If we do not number our days, we will forget the time – Ps 90:12, 144:4, Rom 13:11
- d. The hour is late, the need is great - Eph 5:15-17

### **2. Identifying the Problem**

- a. 2020 manifested a lot of problems in our culture/church/individuals.
- b. What are the biggest problems in the church?
  - i. Pastors say: watered down gospel (i.e. need more works), cultural shifts to secular (i.e. poor behavioral choices), poor discipleship (i.e. immaturity)
- c. The church's biggest problems:
  - i. Unsaved Christians: You do not have saints w/o preaching the cross 1Co 1:18
  - ii. Bible belief: You do not know how God speaks w/o the Bible –Ro 3:4, Mt 5:18
  - iii. Illiteracy – You do not have church ministry without Biblical literacy –2Ti 3:17
    - 1. Getting fundamental teachings right – 1 Cor 2:2
    - 2. Confusing service and salvation – one requires works. Eph 2:8-9
    - 3. Identity in Christ (who you are) – Gal 2:20
    - 4. Ignorance of the will of God – Eph 5:17
- d. Bible believing mid-Acts Pauline dispensational churches address these problems.

### **3. Our Work in 2020**

- a. Christ finished all the work necessary to save us 2000 years ago – 1 Cor 15:1-4
- b. Since then people have worked with God to supply increase – Eph 4:16
  - i. Gave away more books, hosted more guests, gained more 'followers' (?)
  - ii. 113 days (30%) we were doing ministry together.
  - iii. Web team has grown as well as its demand, Live!, church app complete.
- c. Grace can produce faithful workmen – 2 Tim 2:2
  - i. Where was your time spent last year? How did you serve? What did you do?

### **4. What's Coming Up**

- a. Continued work online, but also work within our body.
- b. Meetings: traveling and fairs resume? Perhaps Q&A sessions.
- c. The easy part of grace doctrine (M.A.D): tithing, baptism, no requirements
- d. The hard part of grace doctrine: pressing on w/o religiosity, entertainment, popularity
- e. How do you forget the things gone behind – press forward - Phi 3:13