

# Are We Still Living in the Dark Ages?

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Have you ever studied the history of the Church? Most Christians, unless they've been to Seminary, have not. If a Christian has the *Eye of the Eagle* he can learn a lot by studying Church history just as a person can learn much about a certain nation or culture by studying its history.

One very large problem in God's establishment of His Kingdom on Planet Earth is man. Just like physical history, the Church has a tendency to forget the past spiritually and not be able to move with the Cloud when the Spirit of God is moving. Almost every Christian and even many secular people know that the symbol of the Holy Spirit is a white dove. I pointed out a very interesting spiritual fact I learned in Africa in *Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom* – the form of a dove is the only form members of the Dark Kingdom, including Satan himself cannot assume when they change forms.

And while many people know the symbol of the dove not many know the other symbols of the Holy Spirit or what color or number He is represented by. One symbol other than a Cloud of Fire given in the Scriptures of the Spirit of God is that of a Mighty River. There's a good spiritual reason for this symbolism – the Spirit of God is similar to a river in many ways: He's always "flowing" and He's never stagnant – He's moving all the time and He's a River of Life – He imparts spiritual life to the world just as a physical river brings life to man as well as the animal and plant creations. We used to live on the Kootenai River in Montana and it was an awesome experience. The river comes out of an 85 mile long lake that goes up into Canada; it holds the record for the largest rainbow trout caught here in the USA. It was about 150 yards across at the back of our house and because the water is so clear we could see rainbow trout in the river from our upstairs bedroom. We learned much about eagles, osprey, moose, elk and other wildlife from living on this river for years.

Many years ago the Spirit of the Lord spoke something to my wife Evelyn that she has preached and written about. He said, "Don't lose in the dark what the Lord has shown you in the Light." We have a tendency to do that, especially where spiritual things are concerned. Yet we simply

must come to understand the Spirit of God is moving on; just because you don't understand the language of the spirit, spiritual gifts, Five-fold ministry, etc., doesn't mean God has quit speaking this way or doing these things just like He did when Paul wrote 2/3 of the New Testament.

The Holy Spirit's job is to teach us and lead us down the path the Lord has prepared for us. One of the major ways he does this is to lay the proper foundation in us so that when the storms come our foundation is secure and we can stand against the storm and not only stand against the storm but be a haven for others. But, if we have not learned and grown and continued to be solid in the things that He teaches us in the light – when the darkness and the storms come our time is consumed by struggling to stand rather than being able to rest in God and ride out the storm knowing your foundation is sure.

This is the one of many reasons most churches are losing the spiritual war – they continue to try and retake the same old ground over and over again. No army ever won a war with this tactic; it would certainly be deemed a failed strategy by anyone at West Point. And if you or your pastor is utilizing this strategy it's a sure thing that you won't be promoted in the Army of God.

The Church is said to have gone through the "Dark Ages" ending with the Protestant Reformation pioneered by Martin Luther and others. I don't believe the true Church ever went through this, however, because it goes against a fundamental principle of God we find in the Scriptures – He never leaves Himself without a witness and He always works through a Remnant – the True Church will always be a Remnant of what most people consider the church.

During this period referred to as the Dark Ages, Bishop Thomas Aquinas was with a monk touring one of the great cathedrals in Europe when the monk said when looking at the physical splendor and wealth of this church: "They can no longer say of us, 'Silver and gold have I none.'"

Bishop Aquinas wisely replied, "Yes, but unfortunately neither can we say, 'In the Name of Jesus rise and walk!'" Why is that? It's because most of the church world (not the true Church) is idolatrous and their main idol is materialism. But are they the *true* Church? Do such churches, no matter how big they are or how much good they are doing, resemble the Church of the Scriptures and of early Church history? They may manifest all the splendor and majesty of "success" but do they have any spiritual anointing? Unfortunately, many have become businesses that "sell" religion.

Let's face it. If our individual churches, no matter how big they are or how fancy and comfortable the building is, do not have the Mighty River of Life – the Holy Spirit – flowing in them then they are dead! You may not know it but this is a horrendous problem throughout the world today, but especially in the West because we've sinned against greater Light. Most

churches have become a “form” of religion that the Apostle Paul wrote about when he received the revelation of the great apostasy of the faith that would occur immediately before the appearing of the Antichrist.

How do you know if this is true of your church? Well, it’s quite simple really. Does it resemble the church of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit told me quite emphatically in July, 1997, “Never judge a church or ministry by how big it is or how much money they have. You only judge it by the Anointing.” You see, like many of the Scriptures, we tend to do the opposite of what the Bible teaches. Both Jesus and the Apostle Paul spoke of judging after (or by) the Spirit and not the flesh but very few Christians do this – if they learned this truth Jesus called “Making a righteous judgment” then they lose it in the dark.

People have a tendency to always believe that if a church is big, growing and has plenty of money then it’s a sign of God’s blessing. That’s not true. In fact it rarely is true. I’m not saying there are not exceptions but most *true* churches are small and always struggle for finances to expand the Kingdom. I wrote in MSDK how this is a tactic used by Mammon, the Satanic Power who controls money and wealth for the Dark Kingdom, to stop the Kingdom of God from advancing. The devil would rather nobody tithed and gave offerings to the work of God but he knows many will so his tactic is to channel that money into churches, ministries, gold pianos, etc., that are fancy and look good but are not producing for the Kingdom – many of these are illegitimate or are apostate. On the Judgment Day many will stand ashamed and many will be condemned for their actions and investments with God’s money.

I want to encourage you with a special spiritual project this month – to spend every day researching the New Testament for a picture of the true Church – the Church Jesus died for and began. The Lord moved us to Montana 12 years ago and began to reveal this false church system façade erected by the Dark Kingdom that masquerades as the true Church. It is revealed in the Scriptures as the Babylonian system and is mentioned in Jeremiah and Revelation (17-19). I often refer to it simply as “the ecclesiastical church.” We’ve found that this “revelation” the Lord began to show us back then is becoming known by more and more people every day.

Spend some time researching the true Church, especially from the Book of Acts and see what the Spirit of God reveals to you. Let’s face it. If we truly have a New Testament church then it should resemble the first Church at Jerusalem shouldn’t it? And if so then we should see the same signs and miracles that the first Church witnessed – blind eyes opened, cripples walking off from wheelchairs, people bringing money from the sale of land and houses and laying it at the Apostles’ feet, legs growing out, casting out devils, helping the poor, etc. If you’re not seeing this at your church then you have a problem that needs to be addressed.

The true Church – the Church Jesus died for and the one the Holy Spirit is still moving in today with great power and anointing to set the captives free – has “all authority” given to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you’re a true Christian then that’s the Church that you should be a part of and that’s the spiritual authority you should be exercising to establish the Kingdom of God upon the earth in this generation. We desire to help you find your place and fulfill you’re your part in the plan of God for His church. Let us know how we can help you.

Blessings in Christ Jesus