

KILLER CHURCHES

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Have you ever attended a “killer church?” I suspect that you have. In fact, I’m quite certain of it even though at the time you might not have been aware of it. What is a killer church? Well, the adjective, *killer*, normally is a slang word meaning *outstanding* or *unique*. Some years ago I was on a flight from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Butte, Montana, and a cowboy on the flight noticed the cowboy boots that I had on and remarked, “Man, those are killer boots!”

I wish that this word could be used in this way regarding the churches of America and most other Western nations but that’s not what a killer church is. No, unfortunately, if you’ve read our books and articles for very many years you know that the Lord shut us up in Montana in the mid-nineties and began revealing through many dreams and visions the

existence of a false church system controlled by Satan and it's been around since the time of the Apostle Paul. These are the "killer churches" and they look like the real thing but they're not! I coined the phrase, killer church, for them because it is where your anointing will go to die!

Remember, you must spend much time reading and meditating in the Book of Acts if you hope to gain revelation about the *real* Church—the Church that Jesus died for. Both the Father and Jesus *gave* to establish the True Church and the Gospel of the Kingdom and it behooves us to find out what these are if we hope to continue them today in fulfilling the Great Commission.

And in the Book of Acts we find that the Lord Jesus spent some time teaching the Apostles and His disciples in His resurrected Body before He was taken up to Heaven. At that time He told them to "tarry" or wait for "the Promise" of the Father that He would send, i.e., the Holy Spirit, who is responsible for directing the Saints of God (the Church) and angels in order to combat the Dark Kingdom of Satan and bring the Kingdom of God to pass in the earth.

But in God's government there is structure. The apostles at Jerusalem knew that they spoke for God; so did the prophets when the Spirit of the Lord was upon them. The Lord Jesus established Five-fold ministry as the *means* to bring unity and maturity to the Body of Christ—the Church.

"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the

Pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for Building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the Faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may No longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried About by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in Deceitful schemes. Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow Up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the Whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is Equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body Grow so that it builds itself up in love.” Ω [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

I would encourage you to reread these verses several times and let the Holy Spirit speak to you and you will notice what I am writing about—killer churches—because they don’t want “each part working properly”; in fact, most of them have become like most governments—they simply want to control you, especially if you are giving a large amount of finances every month.

But the true Church of the Book of Acts is a church on the move—a Church out among the people healing, baptizing and praying for people. And in order to do this you must have Five-fold ministry functioning effectively to “train the saints for the work of the ministry.”

Consider the Evangelist Philip in Acts 8. Philip was one of the original seven deacons of the first church in Jerusalem—he served with Stephen but after Stephen was martyred there began a period Bible scholars refer to as “the dispersion.” The Word says beginning in Acts 8:4,

“Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip

Went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voices, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.”

Wow! Here we see it! We see what the Holy Spirit told me in 1997: “The world is waiting for a true demonstration of the gospel.” How was Philip able to perform these “signs?” The same way Jesus did—by the anointing of the Spirit! And the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit want to use you—if you’re born again—this way as well—that is the plan. But unfortunately, the devil also always has a plan for our lives and that plan includes your attending a “killer” church so that you will never be trained, matured and anointed with power by the Spirit to be a demonstration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ like Philip was.

In fact, you will find that many different *types* of false or demonic anointings through evil spirits operate in these churches. If they are a charismatic church normally there is a false prophetic spirit—a familiar spirit and/or a spirit of divination—in operation and you will also always find the spirit of jealousy in operation to kill your true anointing. I’ve shared in some of my writings how I encountered a strong spirit of unbelief at a Pentecostal church in Helena, Montana. Also, the spirit of Jezebel will be there to kill any true prophetic anointing and Athaliah—the Queen of Idolatry—will reign over the pulpit to destroy the kingly anointing of every born-again believer.

And I’ve noticed, like the false churches I first encountered in Nigeria in 1988 when the Lord first began to speak with me about these “false” churches, you will normally find the spirit of death in great operation! This is a *physical* sign that would be noticeable to those

possessing the Eye of the Eagle—a lot of people physically *die* in these churches and when you look around you will see many sickly people. The Lord gave me a vision of this in 1999 that I included in *Revelations from God, vol. 1*, on page 184. I call it the Vision of the Hospital Ward.

While ministering in Alabama a couple of years ago the Lord woke me up during the night and gave me a vision of most of the glittering churches of that area we saw while driving from the airport in Birmingham. But in the vision instead of a large white cross on the hill with a light shining on it there was a large white tombstone in place of the cross! Subsequently we began to call that area Tombstone Territory. Jesus Himself talked about this very thing among the Pharisees of His day but it's still among us today in the form of "killer churches."

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We hope that you are not attending a killer church but if you ever hope to fulfill the ministry call that Jesus has on your life you must understand both the Fruit of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. That is why the Lord commissioned Evelyn and I to write *The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit* and I'd recommend that you read it through five times and make notes, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth to you as He is commissioned to do (John 8).

In December of 1998 when Ev and I were ministering in Hawaii (it's a tough ministry call but somebody has to do it!) on the island of Maui the Lord spoke to me from Numbers 22 about spiritual gifts in the life of Balaam. Balaam was a man devoid of both patience and compassion. He obviously had a prophetic gift but he did not possess any spiritual discernment on using it. The situation with his donkey reveals that he was a man with little compassion and he did not control his anger because he abused his beast of burden. And, of

course, Balaam had a problem with greed—a love of money—like many today who masquerade as Five-fold ministers. This weakness later cost him his life because the Israelites killed him with the sword when they possessed the Promised Land.

But now I want to share with you what the Lord told me back then because it's important in order for you to possess your own "Promised Land" of ministry by the Spirit. It's not enough to have spiritual gifts; they must be tempered and balanced through: 1) The fruit of the Spirit and nature of God, 2) Spiritual discernment and maturity, and 3) Godly wisdom which only comes from a combination of the Word and the Spirit of God.

Balaam had a wonderful gift but he could not be in Five-fold ministry today because he could not minister with the Fruit of the Holy Spirit and the nature, nurture, grace and admonition of Christ Jesus.

Like Balaam, when we don't possess spiritual discernment and don't develop the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives then we may actually enlist God as an adversary against us. There is much of this in the Church today, especially by those who receive money and offering through false pretenses and wrong motives. The Bible says in 1 John, "No lie is of the truth." We cannot "lie" as Christians and pretend that "the end justifies the means" because we are preaching the gospel.

The Angel of the Lord told Balaam, "Your way was contrary to Me," but Balaam was too spiritually stupid to understand what this meant and cease what he was doing because he was controlled by greed. Because he wanted the money he rationalized his behavior but he did not possess a pure heart and his motives were wrong. Balaam did not produce the Fruit of the Spirit and Jesus said, "By their fruit ye shall know them."

The Lord showed me that Balaam is a prime example of how Satan can pervert or distort the spiritual gifts God gives to every Christian. We are to utilize the Fruit of the Spirit to *protect* these precious spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us! This is precisely how many prophetic people can end up prophesying by a familiar spirit instead of the Holy Spirit. The air waves of “Christian” television are rampant with this type thing and it’s a stench in the nostrils of Jehovah! In addition, it perverts the hearts of the pure who happen to see this type junk and think—because it’s Dr. You Fill in the Blank, the world’s foremost authority on wisdom, money, etc., and he has the bank account, houses, etc. to prove it—that this is of God when it’s “Christian” t.v.’s very own “killer church,” incorrectly teaching the people of God lies.

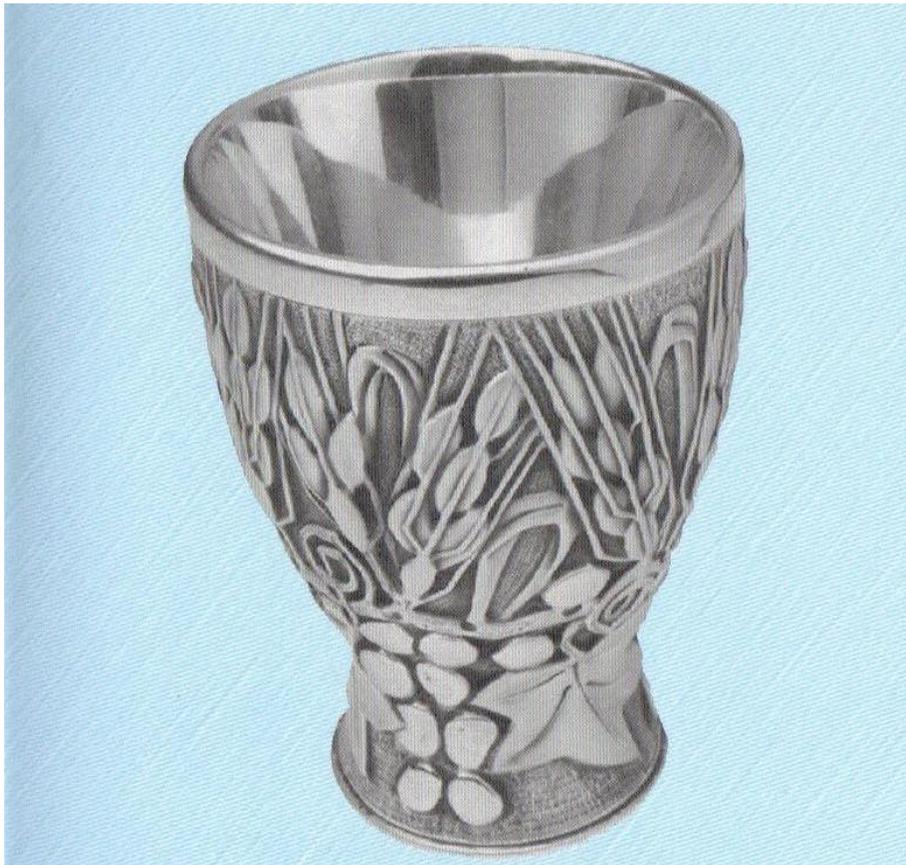
The Lord said, “If we are truly developed in the Fruit of the Spirit we will not become perverted.” Very few churches—I know of none—ever teach or focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, however, and this is to the detriment of us all and contrary to Ephesians 4 true Five-fold ministry. The Holy Spirit said that “This fruit of the Spirit is the determinant of spiritual development and the ministry of Christ”—in other words—the very goal specified in Ephesians 4!

The Spirit of the Lord came upon Balaam but his fruit betrayed him. And the main lesson to be learned from this is that no matter how great your spiritual gifting—and gifts are irrevocable (Ro. 11:29)—you must develop spiritual fruit in your life for them to be powerfully and accurately used of God. That is precisely *why* it takes the Lord so long to prepare a person for ministry—gifts are given but fruit is grown and it’s up to us to grow it by the Grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. And, as the Lord told me many years ago, a person can destroy their gifting through their character (or lack thereof) and Samson is an example from the Scriptures the Holy Spirit pointed out to me in 1998 when He said something that both shocked me and also made me

weep for the Church:

“Samson is a type of the modern church—full of great power but devoid of character.”

Let this not be said of us, dear Christian friends! We must follow the Head of the Church, Jesus, when He said: “Shall I not drink of the cup?” Let us strive to finish our race like the Apostle Paul—full of the Fruit of the Spirit and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!



2 CORINTHIANS 4:7