



THE CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT CHRIST

The prophet Jeremiah warned the people of God to be careful of their inward conditions. He told them to keep a watch upon the state of their hearts, lest God's season of the harvest passes by, without bringing any change within. This is what God's people today also need to hear and take heed of. Let it not be that the times of God's seasons and workings upon our lives come to an end without bringing the desired changes in our inward man. All of us, having attended meeting after meeting, and Bible-study after Bible-study, must seriously consider the condition of our lives. If we find that, intrinsically we have not changed, even after several years of exposure to the word of God, then we need to wake up or else be prepared to suffer and undergo a great loss. In the workings of God there are specific seasons during which He provides us new opportunities to set our lives in order. Let it not be that the times of God come to an end without having brought forth some definite changes within each one of us. Beloved, it is necessary to be open before the Lord, so that He may have His way into our lives.

The one thing we all need to know at this time is that the Church at large has miserably failed in her specific calling in Christ Jesus. It has been said by agnostic critics that Christianity is nothing but a crutch for the disabled and weak people of the world. In many ways this is true for the Church has utterly failed to fulfill her unique vocation. The reality of this failure is seen in



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*"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved".
(Jeremiah 8:20)*

several spheres of our lives.

Many people think that church is all about them; they go to church with mentalities that are fully centered upon man and his own issues. But God has this incredible thought that the 'Church' is all about Him. Many believers go to church believing that the church was created by God to meet their own needs. They think that the church has been created primarily for their own purposes, that they are the focus, that they themselves are the very substance of the church. And so they go to church with the express purpose of meeting their human needs and fulfilling their pious desires. They look upon the church as a place designed to satisfy their needs: they consider the church to be a system that has been raised mainly to fulfill their personal desires: and they regard the church to be some kind of a divine tool for their own benefit. This is truly tragic!

Beloved, it is essential to know that the Church was raised, not to meet the needs of man, but to meet the needs of God! Incredible though this may sound to the self-centred man, the true fact is that the Church is all about God, Himself. God has an immense longing to have a people who would express His whole character and nature. His need is to have willing vessels that would express His love, His mercy and His righteousness to the whole world. There is something in God which compels Him to reveal Himself to man in a special way so that man may express His character and nature. Therefore, He goes to great lengths to change man. He takes utmost pain to do this. His own need is paramount. Once we accept and understand this, everything else falls into place and we shall begin to see the Church in a different light from what we may have thought at one time. The Church is all about the Lord and not about man at all!

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