2016 Vision Update – Part 2: You in the LOCAL church.

REVIEW: God made us for His MISSION.

We are risen in Christ. Jesus is coming for His church – our response must be:

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

We are happiest when we are serving God's mission.

We were made to matter in the lives of other people.

But why are so many in the western world (yes the western church!) depressed?

Problem: WAY TOO MANY Christians are steadfast, singularly focused, always abounding in the pursuit of what they think will make them happy!

Your highest pursuit / goal is what you want? Living "Self-centric" with your desires in mind. That's depressing.

The sure hope that we have in the GOSPEL / RESSURECTION LIFE should build in you a STEDFAST DETERMINATION that your life will not be wasted on your pursuit of a life in the fulfillment of self.

MBT, we are to live "Christ-centric" with the Judgment Seat of Christ in mind (1 Cor 3; 2 Cor 5.)

If you are going to serve into God's mission – you have to be plugged into the local church! God's structure \underline{IS} the local church. (a <u>visible</u> local church!)

Find y	vour	plac	<mark>e</mark> in	it.

1.	 you will plug into God's structure.	Eph 4:1-24

Look at who you are and all that you have in Christ! Vs 1-10

Our unity is always under attack, we will always have to work at keeping it. How?
 Vs. 1 Walking worthy.

Vs 2. Humility.

Vs 3. Diligent labor!

All that God has given us and called us to IS A GIFT FROM GOD, AND SATAN WANTS TO STEAL IT! **John 10:10a** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...

Decide you'll plug in.
1. To what God has you.
2. To what God wants you.
1. How to GET what God has FOR you. Vs 11
11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;
That's how God gave us His
and some, evangelists;
That's how God got it to you! So you heard the Word and believed. Rom 10:17
But now you need to grow in the Word! So you better plug in
and [[GOD GAVE]] some, pastors and teachers; 12, For the perfecting of the saints,
Perfecting = "complete furnishing" "fully mature" "completely grown!"

Why do you need to be completed? Rom 8:28-30

2. How to GIVE what God wants THRU you! Vs 12-16 The structure that God uses to grow you is the people in this

If you leave the church out of your spiritual development and growth – you will grow warped and windblown by false doctrine! This is the result ignoring God's structure.

If we do not follow God's plan, we end up right back where the lost world is: worthless for God's mission, fruitless, and serving self through sin. Vs 17-19



- Going to 2 services makes room for more Eph 4!
- Who is on your "hit" list to edify?
- April 17th starts 3 weeks of prayer and fasting for MBT.
- **DECIDE** you will be a part of what God is doing in this local church. How? With your time, treasure and talent.

Time: find a place to serve. (AREAS of SERVICE that support our Sunday worship together.)

Booth locations

- Transportation downstairs, by the lift
- Security downstairs, by the lift
- Café downstairs
- Kidtown downstairs, by Kidtown
- Hospitality Lobby
- Connections Lobby
- Baptism Front of the Sanctuary
- Altar Front of the Sanctuary
- Worship Front of the Sanctuary
- Audio Visual Front of the Sanctuary

Invest. This is YOUR church. Be a part in serving, edifying, loving this local church body.

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