

## THE GREAT RESET – PART 1

### CHURCH: RESETTING OUR DEFINITION! (Matt. 16:18)

**Preface:** In Matthew chapter 16, Jesus makes two powerful assertions about His church, the first is that He alone is responsible for the building of the church, and the second being a direct result of the first; “...*the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,*” (16:18). With these assertions, I want to use this series to address this moment. Though challenging, this moment must be viewed as an opportunity given to us by the Lord. The world-wide pandemic coupled with the global shutdown are serving as the catalysts for a reset of the church. In this series, I want us to look at the reset of the body of Jesus Christ. A reset that will allow us to move forward with greater relevance and in greater power. Part I examines the idea of church, not as a place or as a program, but simply as people called by God into one unified body. The time has come for **The Great Reset!**

#### 1. CHURCH: NEVER A PLACE:

- Church Is Never A Place To Gather In A Moment Of Time.
- Church Is Always People Moving At All Times, (John 3:8).
- Never Localize What Is To Be Mobilized, (Luke 13:33).
- *Tabernacles In Wilderness = Outside Of Promise, Keep Moving Forward!*
- *Temples In Promise = Inside Promise, Keep Building Upward!*
- **Lesson: The Church Is Within People! (Col. 1:27)**

#### 2. CHURCH: NEVER A PROGRAM:

- Worship Is Not Church; Worship Is Our Offering To God, (Ps. 34:1-3).
- Preaching Is Not Church; Preaching Is Our Voice In The World, (Rom. 10:18).
- Ministry Is Not Church; Ministry Is Our Enlightening The World, (Matt. 5:16).
- **Lesson: Service Is The Church In Action - Vertically & Horizontally!**

#### 3. CHURCH: ALWAYS A PEOPLE:

- God Works Thru People Not Things, (Ps. 100:3).
- God Works Thru A Body Not A Building, (1 Cor. 12:13).
- *The Great Demonic Strategy: Divide The Church Into Denominations!*
- A Body Divided Is Sick, (1 Cor. 12:25-26). *To Whither The Body, Divide It!*
- A House Divided Cannot Stand, (Matt. 12:25). *To Wobble The House, Divide It!*
- A Christ Divided Cannot Serve, (1 Cor. 1:13). *To Weaken The Anointing, Divide It!*
- **Lesson: Stop Going To Church, Start Being The Church!**

**PRAYER: FATHER, EMPOWER US TO BE YOUR CHURCH!**