

THE VISION GOD GAVE - PART 1

CREATING GOD'S CULTURE

ACT 2:41-47; 4:32-35

Objective: To Transition People From Death-Destruction-Darkness To Life-Destiny-Light, Thru Relationship With Jesus Christ & Active Engagement In His Kingdom, (Col. 1:12-13).

1. Step One = Culture, Culture, Culture:

- **Key:** Culture Is Everything & Culture Consumes Everything!
- **Issue:** How Do We Develop & Sustain A God-Pleasing Culture?

2. Culture Development:

- **Fact:** Wherever people gather in a sustained way, culture will be developed. Here are some of the ways.

a. Biblical Adherence:

- Using Scripture as The Foundation for Building Culture, (Ps. 128:1).
- Sustained Teaching, Embracing, And Practicing of Scripture, (Gal. 5:22-24).
- Most Do Not Do This, Leading to A Hybrid Culture Being Formed.
- If They Did the Church Would Be the Joy of The Earth, (Ps. 48:2-5). *Matt. 5:14*

b. Policies & Procedures:

- Establishing Policies for Conduct & Function, (Hab. 2:2).
- In Most Places These Don't Exist, And Where They Do, Many Are Disinterested, Unknowledgeable of Them, Or Fail to Comply with Them.
- If We Did, The Church Would Be an Ordered Environment, (1 Cor. 14:40).

c. Traditions:

- Traditions Are Deeply Held Beliefs, Speech, Practices, And Behaviours.
- Traditions Are Enduringly Powerful, (Mark 7:7-9).
- Due To Traditions, Ministries Today Are a Mix of Biblical, Cultural, Ethnic, And Carnal Practices, Resulting in Differing Cultures Within the Body, [1 Cor. 1:10].

d. Prayerful Conclusion – Our Rhema Culture Is a Seamless Blend of Scripture & Policies, Ensuring the Promise Of Divine Pleasure, [Prov. 16:7], Assuring Vision Fulfillment [Hab. 2:3], And Ultimate Arrival At Destiny For All, [Josh. 21:45].