

June 10, 2018

Speaker: Tim McCardel

Message Series: Who We Are In Christ

Today's Message: God's Amazing Gifts

Revelation 1:1, 3 "... the things that must soon take place... for the time is now."

"Must Soon Take Place" - (GK) must quickly and suddenly come to pass, not that the event will occur soon—but when it does—it will be _____!

* GET URGENT

Revelation 2:1, 45 "To... the church in Ephesus... you have abandoned the love you had at first... Remember... from where... repent..."

1. God's Amazing Gifts to Each True _____

Ephesians 4:7 "But to each of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift."

Ephesians 1:3 "... Who (God the Father) has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."

Note: Even more amazing than spiritual blessings: His Personal _____ in us thru the Holy Spirit.

This Grace:

1. Saves me not just for me/myself/I to have joy and peace—but _____ and sustains me and every believer to serve God and others.

2. This enabling power makes special gifts _____ for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 14:8, 23-25

Revelation 2:7

2. God's Amazing Gifts To His Body—The _____

Ephesians 4:11 "And He gave apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers"

Leading Christ's Church: not a Super _____ Pastor, not the Dictator Pastor, not a One Person Job

Ephesians 2:20 "... built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone."

Harmful Myths and Titles: "Our Minister" ... "Oh, We Have Dr." ... "The Rev."

The Right Way: Pastor/Teacher... today: _____

3. The Work of the "Pastor/Teacher" - Coach

Ephesians 4:12, 13 "... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to unity of the Father and of the knowledge of the Son of God..."

Church Leadership Task: GK: Kataritzo—prepare, equip, set a broken bone, to mend a frayed fishing net, to restore something to original condition, to condition an athlete.

2 Timothy 2:1, 2 “... be strong thru the grace God gives you in Christ Jesus and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

“Setting A Broken Bone” - helping, training broken marriages, families, people to be put back together

“Restoring to mint condition” - training, coaching the hurting and crushed to get back on track

Truth: One person cannot do all this and was never meant to; people are to be loved and cared for by the Holy Spirits’ power, allowing God to touch and change people’s lives.

Remember: “Direction, not intention, determines your destination.” ~Stanley

The Process for the Goal: Ephesians 4:13, 15 “... until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge in the Son of God that we will be mature in the Lord, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ... growing in everyway more like Christ.”