

## "Keeping the Next Phase in Mind"



"The reason I stationed you in Crete was so that you could set things in order and complete what was left unfinished, and to raise up and appoint church elders in every city, just as I had instructed you." Titus 1:5







A RESEARCH IS DEFINED BY WHAT IT STANDS AGAINST.

A REVOLUTION
IS DEFINED
BY WHAT IT
STANDS FOR.

A RECEIVED IN INTERESTED IN FIGHTING AGAINST SOMETHING.

A REVOLUTIONIST IS FIGHTING FOR SOMETHING.

SEEKS TO DIS-RUPT, BRING DOWN OR DESTROY A BAD IDEOLOGY OR SYSTEM OF GOV-ERNMENT.

A REVOLUTION
SEEKS TO TRANSFORM IT INTO
SOMETHING
BETTER.

"Christ ... is your freedom from anything from which the law could never free you! Find your firm footing in this freedom."

Galatians 5:1



"But whether I live or die is not important, for I don't esteem my life as indispensable. It's more important for me to fulfill my destiny and to finish the ministry my Lord Jesus has assigned to me, which is to faithfully preach the wonderful news of God's grace."

Acts 20:24



"Christ has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers to nurture and prepare believers to do their own works of ministry, and as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ. These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness in the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed in the abundance of Christ."



**Ephesians 4:11-13** 





- Religious dead works.
- Human effort and self-righteous performance to please God.
- Trying to earn God's love and blessings and avoid His judgement and punishment.
- Legalism and law-based Christianity.
- An abusive, manipulative, and controlling style of church government and leadership.
- A confusing mixture of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.
- Being motivated by fear and manipulation.
- And the church celebrity culture where it's all about personas, platforms, and profits.



- Kingdom divine order established in the church with grace-filled, empowering leadership.
- Powerful, influential, and fruitful local churches ... everywhere!
- Establishing people in sound doctrine of the gospel of grace.
- Supernatural growth, increase, and multiplication in individuals and churches.
- Victory over bondage, addiction, and temptation.
- Living stones being built together in love and empowered in gifting.
- A generation of faithful, loyal, church honoring, committed, hardworking, servant-hearted, financially generous, powerful lovers of God arising.
- Heaven coming to earth.





**"ACCORDING TO THE GRACE OF GOD** GIVEN TO ME. LIKE A SKILLED MASTER BUILDER I LAID A FOUNDA-TION, AND SOMEONE ELSE IS BUILD-ING UPON IT. LET EACH ONE TAKE CARE HOW HE BUILDS UPON IT. FOR NO ONE CAN LAY A FOUNDATION OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID. WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST."







- The first wave was a "foundation" of grace.
- The next wave is a "building" on grace.
- The first was foundational theology "what we believe."
- The second is administrational theology "what we do."
- The first wave broke us out of a bad foundation and established the right foundation ... which is Christ and nothing else.
- This next wave is about building on that foundation. Not moving on from grace ... but moving up in grace.

Things will start feeling old, stale, confusing, not right, and like something's missing.

It leads to people getting disillusioned and bored.

They may, and probably will, start straying off into some silly doctrines.

Some will end up in sin, rebellion, independence, and isolation.



"I worked harder than all the other apostles. But it was not I really; it was God's grace that was with me." 1 Corinthians 15:10



We don't need to resist sin ... we're already forgiven.

We don't need to pray ... Jesus did it all at the cross.

We don't need to evangelize ... God's reconciled the world to Himself at the Cross.

We don't need to give financially ... we already have every blessing in Christ.

We don't need to develop our character ... we have God's character.

We don't need to submit to authority and leadership ... we're led by the Spirit and free from control.

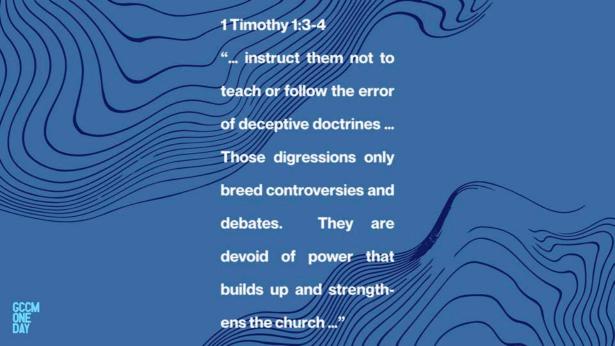
We don't need to build the Church ... Jesus is building His Church.

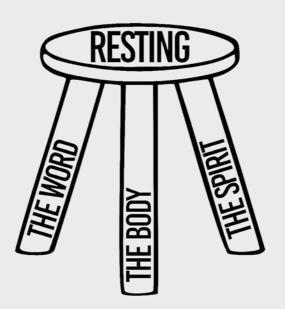
We don't need to serve ... we're now sons of God, not servants.

We don't need to fight ... we already have the victory.

We don't need to contend for healing ... we already have been healed.







## 3 Table Questions to consider:

- 1. I mentioned that this next phase we're entering into is administrational theology, "what we do with what we've been given." Why do you believe this is so important for the church?
- 2. How do we discern the difference between "dead works" and "good works?" What are some examples of each?
- 3. What's one example where you've seen someone abandon a kingdom principle that was beneficial due to "avoiding legalism?"