

The New Testament Church
The Great Reset #4 – Resetting the Essentials
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I Introduction and review....

- A. The “great reset” is a bold attempt of globalists to reset the world’s economy
 - 1. Covid-19 has given these globalists the catalyst and opportunity they’ve wanted
 - 2. Their goal is that “we would all own nothing” but “be happier”
- B. **God is resetting the *attitude* of His people back to the basics!**
 - 1. God is reminding us of our *responsibility and opportunity to influence the culture*
 - 2. He is reminding us that *the local Ekklesia* is a bride and a model city! (in any crisis power is driven down locally by God’s design – that is where we live!)
 - 3. God’s remedy is sending CHRIST to change the world by changing individuals!
 - 4. It is the heart that God is resetting, and that will make all the difference!

II God is also resetting the essentials for individual believers and His Church...

- A. Matthew 6:10 – “*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*”
 - 1. **God’s goal is to manifest His Kingdom** – “sheep and goat nations” (Mt 25)
 - 2. There are individual nations at the end of the book of Revelation (chapter 22)!
 - 3. God begins with conversion to the transformation of institutions, justice, economics, civil government, and society influenced by His rulership!
 - 4. *We are called to share the gospel and help people submit to His government!*
- B. 2nd Peter 1:19 - “*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise..*”
 - 1. *Everyone has a premise, a standard* – if not the Bible, what set of truths?
 - 2. ***The anchor of our souls is His Word – we must begin there!*** (Hebrews 6:18-20)
 - 3. Hebrews 10:7 (quoting Psalm 40:7) “*Behold, I have come – in the volume of the book it is written of Me – to do your will, O God*” – what book, His book!
 - 4. 1st Peter 3:15 – *Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear* (Iran story)
- C. Luke 17:20-21 – *The Kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, ‘see here!’ or ‘see there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.*”
 - 1. *How* does the Kingdom come? ***Inward to outward transformation (incarnation)***
 - 2. *Truth must be incarnated – lived by you before recommended to others!*
 - 3. “*be not conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind*” (Ro. 12:1)
 - 4. *All change begins within and first comes as influence, not power or control*
 - 5. *Light always conquers darkness; and darkness cannot prevail where light shines!*
- D. 1st Peter 2:9 – “*but you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation*”
 - 1. *We are dual citizens of heaven (as priests) and earth (influencing the culture)*
 - 2. God does not give all power to any individual or institution - understand jurisdictions
 - 3. ***Solutions to problems rest on “whose primary responsibility is it?”***
 - 4. *Faithfulness in the little things brings great influence in the greater things* – Luke 19:17
 - 5. Problems are solved locally, at the bottom, among the very people who are involved!
- E. ***On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand!***