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"BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



"GOD'S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP" Part 10 "RESTORING THE WAY OF THE LORD" V. THE CHURCH, THE RESTORATION BY GOD OF A PEOPLE WITH HIS HEART (cont)

- F. Compassionate and just ministry is that for which we have been called and left here on the planet Titus 2:14 (11-14); Eph 2:10
 - 1. Evangelism and discipleship Mat 28:18-20
 - 2. Meeting needs 4 areas Js 1:26-27; Gal 2:9-10
 - a. Widows
 - b. Fatherless
 - c. The poor
 - d. One another as it happens
 - 3. It was foreordained that we are to be engaged in them; we were designed for them Eph 2:10
 - 4. The church is urged to have every member be engaged in, ready for and prepared for good works

 Titus 3:1,8,14
 - 5. We are to be the leaders in this continued ministry of Jesus on earth. We are destined to lead.

VI. THE POWER OF THE CHURCH TO LEAD WITH JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

- A. Every member is destined to lead and is to be prepared for the good works ordained for us
- B. These good works are not to be confused with the

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"social gospel" or with "social justice warriors"

- 1. Our mission is not to correct society's unjust behavior to transform society; wrong motive, wrong purpose Micah 6:8 Whose justice?
- 2. Our mission is too announce the coming King and Kingdom and offer His pardon and peace to transform people into children of God
- 3. Our mission does not usher in the kingdom of Jesus to prepare it for His return
- 4. Our good works affirm the work of the Lord Jesus Christ through His redeemed people
- 5. Our good works cannot and do not justify us before God; they are done by us as already justified people living the Spirit-empowered plan of God
- C. The power to do these good works is found in our <u>rest</u> not our <u>efforts</u>
 - 1. Abiding in Christ and His Words abiding in us a. Abiding in Christ means...
 - b. His Words abiding in us means...
 - c. The Word of Christ dwelling in us richly means...
 - 2. Fulfilled with the Spirit; Walking in the Spirit
 - a. The promise of God
 - b. Completed by the Spirit
 - c. Faith-filled step of obedience

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