

“VISION 2014”

John 14:1-6

“Jesus, The Way, The Truth, & The Life!”

I) JESUS IS YOUR WAY!

- What is the WAY to WIN SOULS? Matthew 28:16-20
- What is the WAY to BUILD the CHURCH? Acts 2:37-47

> Observe EIGHT DISCIPLINES OF THE EARLY CHURCH, of every church:

- #1 – STUDY THE WORD OF GOD - 2 Tim 2:15 - *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
- #2 – FELLOWSHIP - Heb 10:24-25 - *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*
- #3 – BREAKING OF BREAD (COMMUNION) (1 Corinthians 11:23-34)
- #4 – PRAYER - John 15:7-8 - *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*
- #5 – GIVING (sharing with one another) - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- #6 – PRAISING GOD - Heb 13:15-16 - *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 1 Peter 2:9-10 - But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*
- #7 – Having FAVOR with all the people (UNITY) - Eph 4:1-3 - *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- #8 – SOUL-WINNING - Mark 16:15-17 - *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

II) JESUS IS YOUR TRUTH!

> The Bible declares in 1 Tim 3:15 – *I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. The Bible is the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant, all sufficient Word of God! Remember, 2 Tim 3:16-17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (teaches what is right), for reproof (what is not right), for correction (how to get right), for instruction in righteousness (how to stay right), that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- BEWARE OF DECEIVERS – 2 Corinthians 11:1-4
- BEWARE OF THE APOSTASY – 2 Thessalonians Ch. 2
- BEWARE OF THE CROWDS – 2 Timothy Ch. 4:1-7

Warren Wiersbe writes, “An apostate (one who’s departed from the true faith, although he may believe he’s still part of the faith) is not just wrong doctrinally; he is wrong morally. His personal life became wrong before his doctrines were changed. In fact, it is likely that he changed his teachings so that he could continue his sinful living and pacify his conscience. Believing and behaving always go together.”

Jesus said in John 8:31-32 - *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* If we love the truth, let’s live the truth! Amen!

III) JESUS IS YOUR LIFE!

> John 11:25-26 - Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 10:10 - *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

> Live life ready for the RAPTURE! Turn to Revelation ch. 3:7-13 (5 keys).

- #1- Be a Philadelphia Christian- “Brotherly love” - Eph 4:14-15 - *that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ.*
- #2- Jesus has the “key of David” – meaning the Church has not replaced Israel and God will deal Israel once again in the Tribulation (Mt. 24:21), also known as “*the time of Jacob’s trouble*” (Jer. 30:7).
- #3- Keep His Word!
- #4- Do not deny His name!
- #5- Jesus will keep us from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world – The true church will be raptured before the “Great Tribulation,” therefore, we can comfort one another with these words. (1 Thess. 4 & 5).

“GO4GOD!” (Romans 8:35-39)