



### Part 3 • **THE CHURCH REDEFINED**

The Church today is being redefined from the outside (social pressure) and from the inside, doctrines and beliefs that emphasis social issues above Christ's power (Revelation 2:2-5). Pastor/Author, Lucas Miles has written a book titled, "The Christian Left, How Liberal Thought Has Hijacked the Church." According to Lucas' research, only 25% of believers strongly feel that the Bible is the true, inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16)

The word "church" is the Greek word "ecclesia," meaning people who are called *out* of the world and *into* God's Kingdom. The Church, as the Body of Christ in the earth, is the most powerful (and essential) institution on earth! (Ephesians 2:19-22)

#### **UPREACH, INREACH, AND OUTREACH**

In our third part of "**The Church Redefined**," we will focus on three important elements of Church life; UpReach, our relationship with Christ; InReach, our relationship with one another; and OutReach, our relationship with people who do not have a relationship with Christ.

#### **UpReach, our relationship with Christ.**

1. John 4:23 *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*

2. Matthew 22:37-40; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 11:6; Revelation 2:4-6, 19:16.
3. Action: Develop a deeply intimate relationship with God through prayer, His Word, the Bible, and honoring Him above all else in our lives.

### **InReach, our relationship with others in the Body of Christ.**

1. Hebrews 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.*
2. Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:1-5, 13-16; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.
3. Action: Grow in our love for one another, keeping the unity of the Spirit and together, becoming the Body of Christ.

### **OutReach, our relationship with the lost.**

1. Matthew 9:35-38 *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*
2. Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 15; Acts 1:8, 8:26-40.
3. Action: Have God's heart for the lost and respond to Divine opportunities to introduce others to the Savior.

### **Today, UpReach**

1. Enoch (Intimacy) -- Genesis 5:21-24 *21 ...After (Enoch) begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years,... So all the days of Enoch were*

*three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

2. Jehoshaphat (Victory) -- 2 Chronicles 20:21-24 ...*Now when they began to sing and to praise\*, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated...* (\*Three forms of praise)
3. The Samaritan woman at the well (Revival) -- John 4:24, 28-30 ...*“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him.*