

What Is Christ Saying To The Church Today?

Revelation 1:11 (kjv)

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

What is Christ saying to the church today, is he telling the church something political, is he telling the church something prophetic, or is he telling the church something personal? What is Christ saying to the church today, (first, second, third), he's saying to the church:

1. Remember Your First Love.

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

How can the church remember its first love, Jesus Christ, it needs to remember to stay Christ-centered, to keep Jesus Lord, in its music, in its message, and in its methods of reaching others for Christ. Don't forget the words of the Apostle Paul in *1 Cor 11:1*, "Be ye followers of me, even as I am also of Christ."

2. Remember To Hold Fast & REPENT.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Don't be influenced by those who are drifting away from Christ, the church, and Christian values, remember the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy in *2 Tim 4:2-4*, *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

What is Christ saying to the church today, hold fast. . . hold fast. . . hold fast. . . to the Word of God, and turn away from those who are drifting away from Christ, the church, and Christian values.

3. Remember To Stay On Fire.

Rev 3:15-17 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Christ is saying to the church today, stay on fire, by letting the Holy Spirit mold, make, and mature us into a person of **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: - the fruit of the Spirit!**

What does Christ tell us in *John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."*

What is Christ saying to the church today, stay on fire, let the Holy Spirit fill the lives of people with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control - the fruit of the Spirit.

Conclusion: How many will stand with me today to say, I'm going to remember what Christ is saying to the church today, I'm going to remember my first love, Jesus Christ, I'm going to remember to hold fast when many are drifting away from the truth, and I'm going to remember to stay on fire by letting the Holy Spirit fill my life with the fruit of the Spirit.