

SPECIAL REPORT

SERIOUS SYMPTOMATIC PROBLEMS IN TODAY'S CHURCHES BASED ON FOUR MAJOR CAUSES WITH THEIR IMPACTS AND INDICATED SOLUTIONS

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1 John 2:6

***the one who says he abides in Him ought himself
to walk in the same manner as He walked.***

John 5:19

***.... "the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is
something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the
Father does, these things the Son also does in like
manner.***

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REPORT IMPORTANCE: There is a world-wide Church Growth Movement that is leading our churches into a massive falling away from God's best. The falling away is helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. The Movement targets the youth to bring long-term social change. It works for numbers using a dumbed-down training without also teaching God's Whole Counsel to mature believers in Christ-likeness. Even possibly doing some good things, the Movement is falling away from God's to a human plan. It, itself, attempts to work things together for good instead of only trusting God. The problem is not with what it teaches, but instead, what it leaves out of its teachings, such as true salvation, living under Christ's Lordship, and pursuing maturity in Christ.

The movement is working (inadvertently?) to bring the world instead of all of God into the Church. It trains people to meet man's felt needs from a human love perspective. This can be good, but it generally omits sufficiently teaching God's program under Christ's Lordship needed to gain the maturity in Christ-likeness that allows us to know and relate to God toward His fullness both now, but especially in eternity. Apart this living with God, there is nothing.

This report describes this movement, its goals and impacts, and why it is happening. It presents what we should do now if we want God's best and to avoid participating unknowingly in this wrong church movement, not gaining the maturity in Christ that He wants us to have. The main report brings an overall understanding. It is a bit long, but stick with it. There are many aspects.

INFORMATION SOURCES: This report uses information taken from: (1) the many referenced publications and (2) my web site detailed reports that develop the teachings from Scripture. These references are listed at the report's end. You are encouraged to read them. We cannot be sure of all the details re the trends because we do not have complete information - such as what individual churches are doing. But observation, the literature, and the internet show clearly the trends are happening. **There are exceptions in many churches to everything we share. Many churches are not so involved, have a mixture, or not involved at all in the trends. They have greater ministry.**

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Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;
2 Chronicles 16:9

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REPORT PURPOSE AND DISCUSSION OF OUR CURRENT CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT SITUATION●2

WHAT IS HAPPENING: *There is a Church Growth Movement composed of Seeker-Friendly, Emerging, ●3 and other Churches that is training tens, even hundreds, of thousands of churches and selling thousands or even millions of books and training documents. Many-many of our American and world-wide churches are joining this Church Growth Movement. It is leading thousands of our American and world churches into a major falling away from God's best into semi-apostasy using a mixture of first-level Bible teachings and human psychology.*

The movement's goal is mainly to reach the youth in today's culture, using the methods in the culture rather than from the Bible, to build the next generation. Those involved believe the pathway they are taking is the best way to reach them. But what kind of a generation are they building? It is one without true Bible doctrine. The Movement is targeting the youth for salvation (?) and bringing them into a love fellowship more as seen more by man than by God. It is using less than first-level Bible training without also training doctrinally in depth-breadth. It is using the world's

1. **SUMMARY:** The **SUMMARY** of this Report is a separate document on my web site.

2. **DETAILED BACKGROUND AND UNDERSTANDING:** See the latest DVD by Dr. Robert Klenck: *Diaphrax and the Church Manipulating the Church into Globalism*, and also the video by Dean Gotcher: *What is 'Diaphrax*, both of The Institution of Authority Research ([www. AuthorityResearch.com](http://www.AuthorityResearch.com)) in order to understand and know the details of the Church Growth Movement. See their other materials. They show what and why it is happening, and who is behind it. Dr. Klenck identifies Rick Warren and Bill Hybels and their churches, specifically, are promoting and leading this movement. ***It is a most serious situation in the life and ministry of the endtimes Church.***

We have many additional references (see report's end) that also: (1) show clearly and why the Church's Rapture can only come Post-Tribulational at our Lord's Second Coming, and (2) describe why loud syncopated dominate beat rock music should never be used in our churches. ***Our goal is to understand and present the movement's impacts and why it is happening. We leave it to others to determine the movement's details.***

3. **EMERGING CHURCHES:** This report deals mostly with the seeker friendly churches. The seeker friendly churches have a falling away. The emerging churches are mostly the liberal unbelieving church. They have abandoned the Bible, God's absolutes, salvation, and are using mysticism. Our goal in both situations is to bring people out of this movement with salvation to God to a maximum walk with the Lord.

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loud syncopated and other repetitive beat rock music with drums,●4 paraphrased Bibles (poor translations), facilitated non-teacher teaching home community groups, and world advertising methods. The rock music deters spiritual discernment and growth. It brings questionable worship of God. There is little doctrinal substance of God's Word being taught for living under Christ's Lordship and gaining maturity in Christ-likeness. ●5

So is God directing the Movement? If God were directing and guiding this movement, we would expect Him to lead the churches to live under Christ's Lordship and mature His people to a maximum degree in Christ-likeness, the degree to which they will and can respond, and do local and foreign area-wide true evangelism, especially of the children and youth. We would expect Him to train His people to live by strong faith and by sacrificial love. We must live by faith to learn the Scriptures. ●6 We would expect Him to use music with a dominate melody. We, however, anticipate that God in His sovereignty may be using the movement in today's environment to bring many to Christ that might not come any other way and to have them gain some limited maturity.●7 He is using it help bring the Tribulation leading to Christ's Coming and history's termination. The Church will go through the Tribulation because she is helping and causing it to come.

The movement, in our view, is moving away from God working all things together for good to man doing much of it.●8 It is a most major world-wide movement falling away from God's best, bringing great compromises to our churches and eternally hurting God's people. In groves, churches, without doctrine and discernment, are joining (at least adopting some of its characteristics, particularly contemporary music) because it looks like a movement of God with many youth being recruited. And using the movement, without their teaching God's Word in depth, is helping to increase church attendance. This is one reason many churches are adding the contemporary music. (In our view, if they did things God's way, they would not have to use the movement's methods.)

Our churches through Church history, to some extent, have had some problems for how they carry out their ministries and worship. But, today, the situation is now greatly worsening. ***It is becoming acute because the situation is a world-wide movement, being overtly planned. It is not an***

4. ROCK MUSIC INCLUSION: When I refer to rock music in this paper, I refer mostly to the loud syncopated dominant repetitive beat. But secondarily, I also refer to soft rock, smooth jazz, rap, and pop and country rock.

5. SADDLEBACK: Check out Saddleback.com and pastors.com. Listen to sermons and music, and read the literature. This is Rick Warren's Church and he is a primary leader in the Church Growth Movement.

6. WALKING BY FAITH: The situation reminds me of the Jewish leaders when our Lord was on the earth. They did not walk by faith to learn the Scriptures that, when they were compared with our Lord's life, would allow them to be able to recognize Him as their Messiah. **The situation is repeating today. The Church does not recognize the signs that signal the Tribulation is coming that will lead to our Lord's Second Coming.**

7. SPIRITUAL LAWS: When people do not obey what they know from God, do not use faith (instead use largely human intellect) and go largely their own way, God may not allow people to gain more knowledge of the Scriptures and have a closer walk with Him. This could be happening now. But God will bring many to Himself in spite of the movement, even when involved in the movement.

8. WORKING THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD: The major impact is that when we act to work all things together for good ourselves, we act like the Most High God. This is major sin. We all, having depraved natures, do it to some extent. None of us are spiritually able to work all things together for good. This was and is the great sin of Satan. It is also the great sin of the Church, even when we do not want to do it. If we are to truly succeed under God, we must die to self such that God, not ourselves, works all things together for good. It allows Him to be God over our lives.

individual Church situation.

From a critical analysis of the big picture, even though some good things are happening at the human level, we believe the Church Growth Movement is not as much of God as many believe. Our effort is bringing help for what our churches should or can do now to implement God's best for maturity in Christ. It is to know the trends, and avoid both current wrong directions and the eternal impacts of this movement.

SUMMARY ASPECTS: The movement appears to be doing good things from and is based on a horizontal relationship implementing man's plans to help people man's ways. But it appears to be largely void of a solid vertical relationship with God, Bible theology, and His Plan to help people from God's ways to know and relate to Him toward His fullest. The movement is not biblical theology oriented. It is more on human psychology. People without discernment are joining the movement because it appears to be doing good things, helps to meet their needs as they see them, and the movement is growing. It brings them human fellowship and connection with others.

Are those involved in the movement walking by faith to gain discernment of God and the knowledge of the Scriptures concerning spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness and doing true area-wide evangelism with Christ's Gospel? In our view, the youth are being captured and locked in before they receive true evangelism and are trained to walk with God with Him directing everything. They are getting their human felt needs met.

There is nothing wrong with doing good things for people at the human level. But it is very wrong when this action is taught and represented to be God's major plan for people. It is very wrong when people do not live under Christ's Lordship to mature their people in Christ-likeness and to help do area-wide evangelism. God wants people to live by His love, righteousness, holiness, and ways, not those of man. God wants us to know and relate to Him toward His fullest. But this is not what the Church Growth Movement is doing. It has departed from God's best and intended plan for people. Does it not bring more glory to man, instead of to God? We can only glorify God when we obey what He has given to us.

REPORT PURPOSE AND BENEFITS: We bring this objective report from our great love for God and His Church. It is to carry out our responsibility to God and to His Church. We want to bring added value and God's best for the Church we all love. This is a very critical subject and situation that need to be discussed and understood. The Church Growth Movement is seriously and negatively effecting our churches world wide and God's desired walk they have with Him. It is a situation that is impeding the best we can have in eternity. Thus, we bring a discussion of what is happening and what we should now do biblically to gain God's best as defined by Him. ***We ask you to pray that its leaders will truly find the Lord and turn the movement toward God's best.*** In the mean time, we encourage all churches and believers not to join the movement or adopt any of its characteristics. We encourage all those in the movement to come out of it and join a true biblical Church for salvation, do evangelism, do expository verse by verse preaching in depth-breadth using a version of God's Whole Counsel, and to gain maturity in Christ-likeness. **This will bring much glory to God.**

DISCUSSION OF THE MOVEMENT: The movement is manipulating the churches and those joining them into globalism. The movement, though based on human love for God and man, is departing and falling away from true salvation, sound doctrine, and maturity in Christ. It is bringing a famine of God's Word and people going the way of the best of man. God's spiritual laws causes or allows these aspects when the people fall away and as a sign of judgment coming. It is a subtracting of God's Word. In our view, the movement is leading to and helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. Church leadership does not realize these, and that they can be facing judgment. The Tribulation brings divine discipline on the Church for her falling away and on the world for sin. It also comes for the apostasy in all the nations. We are approaching the endtimes.

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2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; (Is this not now happening in the Church Growth Movement? I think so.)

Amos 8:11 - "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord God, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord. (Is this not happening? It sure looks like it.)

Revelation 22:19 - and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

So is His judgment coming? It looks like it. Are people guiding and promoting this movement true believers with salvation in Christ's Cross? This is hopefully true. But are they?

Churches are joining this movement for several reasons. Because of the large numbers joining the movement and it is based on love, they believe God is leading the movement. They do this because they do not know and hold to solid biblical doctrine. They do not know the Scriptures for God's Plan for His Church to become truly saved and mature in Christ for eternity purposes. Other causes are shared.

The Movement is not truly centered in God and the Bible with the spiritual discernment of true salvation in Christ and pursuing maturity in Christ. While doing some good things such a teaching in the terms of human relationships with love for each other and for God, churches leave out key Bible doctrine, including obtaining true salvation in Christ with His Cross.

Thus, the main problem is not what they teach, but instead, what they leave out of their teachings. It is "here and now oriented" and "not adequately eternally oriented." It is a movement to build relationships with believers and unbelievers at the expense of abandoning solid biblical doctrine with its absolutes.

It is moving away from the long term institutionally based church to one of facilitated home groups that are missions oriented. The home groups, having both believers and unbelievers, are in effect working to the lowest common denominator. **Not maturing their own people, and working with priority with new people, they are not taking care of their own people. This is sin. Of course, churches are doing these in varying degrees.**

In my view, it is possibly that Satan (in influencing the Church) is leaving some minimal biblical teachings and an inadequate Gospel presentation in the training to deceive participants to believe that the movement is of God. But where, in reality, the movement is leading to a great falling away toward globalism with the eventual absence of salvation, maturity in Christ, and the great work of God from being accomplished. It is a falling away to help bring the calamity that will establish the endtimes Tribulation.

There is nothing wrong with helping people. This can be good. But it is not good when the Church moves away or departs from its God directed salvation, worship, doctrines, and ministries to join the movement. We must do all of what God wants done, not just some of it.

This is a falling away of the Church, a decay of biblical Truth.

Truth decay is a cultural condition in which the very idea of absolutes, objective and universal truth

is considered implausible, held in open contempt or not even seriously considered.●9

However, there are churches doing both helping people and standing strong in Christ, His worship, and His work. But as time progresses, these no doubt will be the exceptions and minimum in number as is happening now. God still has His faithful remnant who are doing His will.

We are greatly saddened by the whole situation. From our love and concern for the Church, we have responsibility before God to alert and warn. Some of us must begin to train the children and the youth doctrinally now in depth-breadth so we can have some prepared for the coming Tribulation. It is so they can become mature in Christ-likeness so they can know and relate to God toward His fullness, both now, and especially in eternity. Will you help? If we do not?

The sad part is that even with good sermons in our churches at the beginning level, they do not collectively over time take their people to maturity in Christ. This situation is worsened by not teaching otherwise in depth-breadth with a version of God's Whole Counsel.

TRENDS AND IMPACTS: ***The trends in this Movement, over time as the younger people and young married grow older, are causing the overall Church to become immature with a serious loss of biblical intellect and having a plateau of biblical knowledge and understanding. The numbers of mature believers in Christ are decreasing. In time, few believers will know and be able to teach God's Word in any depth-breadth, including the understanding of endtimes prophecy. This is a progressive massive falling away from God's Truth and absolutes. Are we there now? ●10 Is this not satanic strategy? It sure looks like it.***

Do you see? With this continued widespread falling away and the endtimes world government making war with the Church in the Tribulation, there never will be a return to teaching solid doctrine and maturity in Christ. This will occur when the younger poorly trained become adults and are the majority in the churches. There will never be a return to the great hymns of the faith. People's detailed knowledge of the Bible will be gone forever, as long as people are on the earth. As we approach the end, there is and will be an ever increasing spiritual darkness til Christ returns after the Tribulation.

Fortunately, there will also, however, still be pockets of a few strong and faithful believers in the coming Tribulation of a very large number standing strong for Christ (Revelation 7:9-17). In general terms, these faithful believers most likely will be in an older group or generation, and most of those recently coming to Christ may not know much Bible doctrine beyond first-level understanding. But only God knows the true situation. We are mainly looking at the trends. We do not know the absolute situation.

Thus, it appears that our today's churches fall in the following categories:

9. TRUTH DECAY: Quote from page 22 of *Truth Decay; Defending Christianity Against the Challenges of Postmodernism* by Douglas Groothus.

10. CURRENT CHURCHES: I know of churches that have good sermons at the beginning level. But over time, their collection does not mature their people beyond the fundamental level. They have not taught Bible prophecy for many years. People do not know how the endtimes will unfold. They do have a beginning orientation or boot camp course for new believers that go over the basic church doctrines.

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1. Church people who are unbelievers.
2. Church people, partly unbelievers and believers, but with but little knowledge of Bible Doctrine.
3. Church people who are pursuing maturity and Bible doctrine

Those in the Church Growth Movement consist largely of numbers one and two. There can be a major falling away in the Tribulation of those in numbers one and two when the persecution comes.

Thus, as time passes and the movement matures, new believers will no longer have a maximum response to God in greater obedience, except for those who study and minister on their own. Even now, the churches involved in this movement do not understand the greater doctrines. ***If they did, they would not be involved in, promote, or adopt characteristics from the Church Growth Movement, such as using only first-level Bible training, rock music with drums, facilitated home groups, and world advertising methods.*** They do not train for maturity or take on the job to do complete local area true evangelism. They do not see that the movement is leading to bringing Revelation's events and the termination of history. When the Tribulation comes, almost no one will know and understand what is happening. They will not know Bible doctrine. Being doctrinally poor, there will most likely be a major falling away of believers from the faith in the Tribulation. ●11 ●12

11. TRIBULATION: We realize that our churches have different views for when the Church's Rapture will come with respect to before or after the endtimes Tribulation's coming. But, taking a new approach of showing how the Rapture and the Tribulation fit into God's Plan for history, it becomes clear that the Rapture can only come after the Tribulation. My web site references, listed at this report's end, show conclusively the Church will go through the endtimes Tribulation because her falling away is largely responsible for its coming. We discuss some reasons why in this report. The Rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel (after the tares are bundled for the fire). Our Lord comes with and for His saints at the same time. The Rapture can only occur after the heavenly court after the Tribulation at the seventh trumpet determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. It is when the heavenly court award Him the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God. Christ gains back what He lost in the Garden of Eden. This award places all believers and unbelievers and all the angels under His eternal control for the resurrections and the judgments. Believers are already under His eternal control for destination.

If you will read my web site documents and books, you will be thoroughly convinced of this Truth. **We present many doctrines not found in the standard published literature.** The view is founded on examining over 40 doctrines. If you will read my prophecy reports you will be convinced, even if your are now strong Pre-Trib, that the Rapture can only come after the Tribulation. God is not a God of partiality that He would allow some believers to miss the endtimes Tribulation by the Rapture and then place a number of other believers in the Tribulation of such a large number that no person could count them. Most of these believers believed before the Tribulation comes. ***It is most unlikely that they believe in the Tribulation after a Rapture with no one to preach the Gospel, no one is seeking after God, the world is in complete apostasy, and the government is making war with Christians.***

If you do not put in some provisions and train your children and youth, you can be caught blind sided when the Tribulation comes.

12. PROPHECY KEY: ***To understand prophecy, one needs to know what the Bible teaches that must have happened or what must be completed before God will bring the endtimes Tribulation and will bring the Rapture. My prophecy reports answer both of these questions. In order to understand***

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Our churches have lost their excellence before God, have lost sight of His Greatness, and no longer, with discernment, know and understand the greater doctrines of the Christian faith. They are going much their own way to reach the youth of today's environment using minimal doctrine and the world's methods. They are attempting to bring them into the churches and in home community small groups. They are using mostly or only first-level teaching and contemporary rock music. They believe that today's youth cannot be reached any other way. Many-many churches are joining this expanding movement because it appears to be drawing many youth. They believe it is a movement of God. But is the movement of God and/or is it a movement that has departed from God's best? Is there satanic strategy involved? The latter is what I believe based on comparing the trends with Bible doctrine. No one, no doubt, has absolute data, and there can be some good things being accomplished.

ABOUT THIS REPORT: This report presents our view of the situation as we observed the trends, read the literature, listen to videos and dvds, and talk with key individuals. We are judging the movement according to our understanding of Scripture. **Although the movement is most wrong and to us, is serious sin, we are not writing with the purpose to mainly condemn the movement. Instead we are writing to warn and alert of its seriousness with the goal that Christians and churches will come out of and leave the movement and no longer carry out its teachings and practices. Our purpose is that they will seek the best of God, His ways, do ministry, and have all that He plans for us, particularly maturity in Christ-likeness. If believers and churches will do this, it does not matter as much in practice the degree the movement is or is not of God and/or of Satan.**

There can be some good things in the movement. The problem is that it falls most seriously short of God's best. Thus, the problem is not so much what the movement is doing and teaching, but instead it is what the church is not doing and teaching. Regardless, we should pray that its leaders will find Christ as Savior and lead the movement toward maturity in Christ. We are in this together. We must pray for those who have fallen or are falling away. Our Lord and God do not want any to perish. That includes you, me, and them.

We share what can be best now that prepares our churches for worship, life, ministry, knowing doctrine, eternity, and the coming endtimes Tribulation. Knowing what is happening and what we should do, we can do personal critical analysis to understand what is happening, do self evaluation, and urgently make needed changes. This is so we can be sure we are implementing and doing God's best and not unknowingly going in a most serious wrong direction. Our churches may not realize the trends and their falling away. ***In our hearts, we all want to do right before God and His Church. But we must know and implement what it is. We need the commitment to carry it out with excellence.***

IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND: We will never have complete information as to what is happening and when the Tribulation will come. There are many things in the world that are contributing to the cause of its coming. If we wait for complete information before we will act, we can be caught blind sided when the Tribulation comes. We should obey God toward His fullest and live by faith on the trends and avoid using rock music. We should take urgent steps to mature and inform our children and youth. We should use teaching in our community groups and not mainly facilitation. We should be doing these anyway if we are obeying God toward His fullest. We should do these also as a hedge against believing wrong inadvertently.

In summary, the problems come when one: (1) does not seek salvation in Christ and does not see the need and does train to mature their people in Christ-likeness needed for eternity; (2) does not do area-wide evangelism particularly of the children and of the youth with the true Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4); (3) believes wrongly that music is

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prophecy, it helps to study God's Plan from Genesis to Revelation and place endtimes prophecy in as its end or terminating phase. This is what I did.

amoral or neutral so they can use any music, even rock beat music; (4) believes wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, not seeing any urgent need to train; and (5) does not see and recognize the signs that signal the Tribulation can come at any time. Believers with this belief structure will most likely continue doing what they are doing. In our view, this is spiritual folly. They can be caught blind sided and inadequately prepared for eternity. We discuss these in more detail later.

MORE DISCUSSION: The situation is most serious. *The Churches are ignoring teaching adequate essentials of God's Word. Why are they doing this? Did not god give the entire Bible for a purpose? So why do we not teach it? Do they not know God's Plan for people to become mature ●13 in Christ and do they, in their disobedience, realize they can be largely responsible for the endtimes Tribulation coming? (We all can be partly responsible.) Do they have adequate discernment to know the current , long-term, and eternal impacts of what they are doing? It appears not or they would change what they are doing.*

This movement toward the Tribulation is being supported by the poor education now happening in our public schools. New teaching methods are being used. Our young people are now graduating from high school tragically with a poor education. They can hardly read or write, and they do not appear to be able to do critical analysis to determine what is happening. Many are dropping out of high school without graduating.●14

Thus, we have our young people in our public high schools and in our churches who no longer have adequate knowledge and capability to do critical analysis. Thus, as these young people become grown and are a large majority of the population, very few will know the Bible and be able to determine what will be happening when the endtimes and Tribulation come. This can only be satanic strategy. This allows Satan to carry out his plans in the spiritual warfare with Christ.

The situation is happening because our churches themselves, by taking charge, are attempting to work many things together for good, instead of trusting only God to do it, letting Him take total charge. This is acting like the Most High God and is major sin. As a result, our churches are implementing more of their own plans instead of only God's. Even though some good things are being accomplished, in our view as stated, the leaders of this movement are inadvertently implementing satanic strategy without accomplishing the main things that God wants done and in the way He wants them done. This will be

13. MATURITY: God commands us to pursue maturity in Christ-likeness. However, we believe that the maturity one has in Christ-likeness at death, one will have forever without opportunity to increase it. We recognize the Bible does not teach declarative either way as to whether or not our spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness will or will not increase in heaven. God has left it as a matter of faith. Thus, we have to go on faith that our maturity may not increase in heaven because God commands us to pursue maturity and the Bible data teaches in many ways that we are to pursue this maturity now. It is needed to accomplish the greater work of God, send spiritual riches on ahead, and receive rewards in eternity that God wants to give. We must pursue maturity in Christ-likeness because God commands that we do and as a hedge about being wrong in case it is fixed forever at death. It is a most terrible eternal mistake if our maturity is fixed at death and we do not pursue it now as God commands. It can impede our knowing and relating to God towards His depth-breadth in eternity. We discuss this in more detail and describe why we believe that our maturity can be fixed forever at death.

14. PUBLIC SCHOOLS: This situation was presented on TV by a notable scientist and computer expert in the spring of 2006. The dumbing down in our public education is described *None Dare Call It Education* by John A. Stormer.

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explained. Of course, our churches involved most likely have not seen this. They all want to do right. But we must do critical analysis of our situation in light of the Bible teachings and the trends.

God plans that we, as believers, train to become mature in Christ-likeness and train our children and youth in the depth-breadth of the Bible. He would have us teach the basics. But very importantly, He would also guide us to mature our people in Christ bringing more in depth-breadth teaching - a version of His Whole Counsel. But this is not what the churches in the Church Growth Movement, in our understanding, are doing. By not maturing their people, they are in direct disobedience to Scripture, and are taking away the best their people can have in eternity. They are setting up a major falling away.

*Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*

This means we must train with a version of God's Whole Counsel. But to what degree are our churches doing it, particularly to walk as Christ walks?

More Scripture that teach God plans that we become mature in Christ is presented later.

We need good maturity in Christ so that we can know and relate to Him and God the Father toward their fullest in worship, life, ministry, and doctrine now and especially in eternity. ***But using man's ways, as stated, the movement is dumbing down, resulting in the Church becoming immature with a plateau of Bible knowledge and with a loss of biblical intellect.*** They are without the spiritual ability to know and relate to God in His depth-breadth. ***Fewer people are now becoming mature in Christ.*** This is a most terrible eternal result for they are forfeiting a higher quality life in eternity. Is God being glorified and worshiped in reality? It does not look like it. Apart from knowing and relating to God toward His fulness, there is nothing. So we do we not pursue maturity in Christ so we can have this relationship in excellence?

In our churches, we have the gung ho, the very faithful, and the watchers (the less commuted) with new people. The numbers and percentages of our gung ho and very faithful are decreasing. As time passes, few will know and be able to teach the Bible in any depth-breadth. ***A main reason this is happening is because our churches are giving much more priority to reaching and keeping new people than they are training and taking care of their own.*** These are satanic goals. We must train our gung ho and very faithful as a higher priority over the watchers, new people, and the lost, even though we need to train them all.●15

1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

The Bible teaches that when a person knows the correct thing to do and does not do it, for him, it is sin.

James 4:17 - Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Do our churches know they should teach God's Whole Counsel to mature their people in Christ? Do they know they should evangelize **complete** local as well as foreign areas? Do they know they should

15. GUNG HO AND FAITHFUL: The number of gung ho and very faithful generally are a smaller percentage of the Church congregation. Our Lord spent more time with these (these that were or would be following Him) than any other. Thus, we are to do the same. This means we need somehow to provide in depth-breadth training for them even if their numbers are small. This training should be both academic and practical - highly applications oriented. Under the Seeker-Friendly and Emerging Church set up, as time passes, the number and percentage of this gung ho and faithful will decrease. But we should still provide the training. As time passes, it is expected that those doing God's real work will be decreasing in number.

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train their children and youth in depth-breadth. Do they know that they must train with how to do what God asks with testimony as well as what God asks us to do?. How well is your church doing? How well am I doing?

The Bible teaches we should depart from our wrongs to greater obedience.●16

Without discernment from God's Word and training of Bible prophecy, the Church will not know what is happening when the Tribulation comes. **Few will be trained to share the true Gospel.** With a great falling away in the Tribulation, much less of God's work will be accomplished. This can only help Satan's plans to win the spiritual warfare over Christ. God will use the situation to bring history's termination.

There is no intent to criticize individuals or specific churches. God does not want us to judge His servants. We leave that judgment to God. We all may be facing some judgment, particularly if we know what to do and not to do, and are not obeying what we know. We must do what is right.

ENDTIMES: Many good things and results are still happening in our churches. We do not want to criticize these. But in the bigger picture our churches are falling away, going their own way, and bringing eternal harm to their people and to God's desired plan. They are implementing satanic strategy, even when they believe they are doing right. **With the Tribulation comes world government and the end of American and world freedom forever. We must not blindly do what we want apart from what God wants and expect our American freedom in the world's greatest nation to continue. It will not. We are going under servitude of the coming world government.**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND SATANIC STRATEGY (Introduction - Discussed in more detail later): In order to understand what is happening, one must understand the satanic strategy and objectives that are helping to guide this movement most likely without our churches' realization or desire. **Satan, as presented earlier, leaves some good things happening deceiving people so they will think the movement is of God. In doing this, he is taking the Church down a garden path in a great falling away from God, at least from His best. This is so Satan's objectives will be accomplished. When you see and grasp what is happening in this movement, what is causing it to happen, and know God's Plan and why, your spiritual eyes will open wide. Hopefully, you will turn to have greater excellence before God.**

In order to help accomplish his goals, Satan is leading churches and the media to use loud syncopated repeated dominant beat rock music using drums to desensitize the learning capability and most likely to give him worship. Rock music came from voodooism and immorality and is used to call up evil spirits and demons. This will be discussed in detail later.

In this movement, Satan is using the dialectic process. This process uses the Church Growth Movement as a method to take our churches and American people over time from where they are in

16. WE MUST BE CAREFUL: However, the Bible also teaches that after one knows what is correct to do and returns to an old way of life, God may not allow them to return to where He wants to take them. (The direct application of the Scripture below was that the first century Jews that return to Judaism after knowing about the Cross, could not come to repentance and be saved. This Scripture can pertain to us in application if we know we should become mature, but choose not to. We might not be able later to do so. So be careful. God may not let us after falling away to return to Him and gain maximum maturity so we can relate to Him toward His fullest.)

Hebrews 6:4-6 - For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

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the doctrinally based institutional church to a place and result that Satan wants to take them. This is to the liberal unbelieving church that implements his goals. This is to where very few will know the Bible, salvation, and how the endtimes will come. This is so he can eventually remove the Gospel completely and have all obey the world government that is coming, over which he and his man will rule.

It is so that all Christians and people will either conform to world government and its goals, or fall away and/or be martyred. The world government will war against Christians, Islam, and Judaism unless they conform and come under the authority of the world church movement. It will bring a loss of the true Gospel. This dialectic process and satanic strategy are presented later in much more detail.

Thus, when the Tribulation comes, our church and American people without knowledge, not having spiritual discernment, and not being able to do critical analysis will not know what is happening so they will go with this program. The Bible teaches that without knowledge the people perish - this includes they go in the wrong direction. Departing from Bible teaching into apostasy, God may no longer use these leaders in His work. And most terribly, He forgets the children.●17 Churches do not heed the warning because, in a falling away state, they may no longer have the spiritual discernment to do so.

Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

The process is designed to have the churches fall away so that Satan can bring the Tribulation and when it comes, the general public will not know what is happening. Because the movement is going world wide, the youth of other nations are also being effected.

In order to understand the Church Growth Movement, one needs to understand it from the spiritual warfare perspective. It wrongly appears to be of God because there is a large growth in numbers of our youth that are now attending churches or community groups. But the spiritual growth of the people is **extremely** less than that needed to mature God's people so they will do mature ministry and know and relate to God toward His best. It is so Satan can bring the endtimes without the people knowing what is happening and that they will do more of what he wants when he brings the Tribulation.

There are no doubt still many good things happening in many of our churches. They have good sermons, a Sunday School, Vacation Bible Schools, and an Awana program. But in the big picture it is a major falling away toward apostasy. The movement is more interested in gaining numbers of people, instead of living holy and righteously before our perfect God. But do these people know the Bible and are all being truly saved? How many water baptisms of new converts do they have?

Thus, having large numbers is showing that Satan can be the one that is being successful, not so much the Church. Satan is being successful because all may not believe and fewer will be involved greatly in God's work. The Church has sin if she is not maturing her people and doing adequate and accurate evangelism. All things must be led of God for no sin to occur regardless of how good things look. Thus, those involved should be trusting God to lead when they obey His ways and bring the results. But is this happening? Do our churches lack discernment to know what is really happening? Or do they believe what they are doing and the results they are obtaining show they are definitely obeying God?

17. **CHILDREN**; This means when the Tribulation comes, God may not protect the children of those in the current apostate movement. This can be a most terrible result for churches adopting the major items in the Church Growth Movement. (This is practice can result from the churches not adequately training their children.) Do you want this to happen to your children and youth? Then do something - do good training, and do it now.

The key aspect, as previously mentioned, in the movement is that it is man and Satan acting to work all things together for good instead of trusting God to do it. Thus, in many ways, the churches, without their realization or desire are operating like the Most High God. This has been Satan's way and major sin from the beginning. For God to work, man must cease from his work. Man must let God do it. They must do things His way. This means the churches need to know Bible doctrine.

IDENTIFIED CAUSES OF THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHURCHES

This movement is happening because churches, lacking discernment and sufficient understanding of Bible doctrine, are operating much under their own authority instead of only under God's (and His Holy Bible). They are doing what is right according to their own eyes. Their actions in falling away implement satanic strategy that is symptomatic of at least four major causes. Not understanding the causes, they are work to reach the youth, believers and unbelievers, with limited teaching and the world's methods to build a new generation. But this new generation is leading to and becoming a major world-wide apostasy.

These identified causes are (they are discussed in more detail later):

CAUSE ONE - NOT APPRECIATING GOD'S GREATNESS: Church leadership, in departing from sound doctrine, does not have discernment and appreciation for God's Greatness. Thus, they do not search the Bible for all He wants done (all that they can find) and do it with commitment. There are not determining the scope and intent or degree of what He wants done. They do not have the desire to study the Scriptures and know and relate to God to His maximum with all their hearts.

As will be stated many times, apart from knowing and relating to our perfect God in His Greatness, there is nothing. We must thoroughly grasp this if we are to have the greatest that God plans for us. We must become mature in Christ to the maximum so we can relate and know God to the maximum.

Church leadership does not realize that our perfect God will put in His Bible ALL that is needed for direction and that which must be obeyed. Nothing has to be determined by humans for direction for anything. They are determining their own direction for what is to be done and how it is to be done. They are looking at the world in the eyes of man instead of in the eyes of God. In doing so, they deny the Greatness and Absolutes of God. Although maybe doing many good things with good results, our churches are not attempting to properly evangelize complete local areas and mature thier people with a version of God's Whole Counsel.

CAUSE TWO - INADEQUATE SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND WRONG PRIORITIES: Churches do not see the need to pursue and become spiritually mature in Christ, as God commands, ●18 in order to become the person that God intends. This maturity is needed so that we can know and relate to God toward His fullness and depth-breadth both now, but especially in eternity. They do not see that the spiritual maturity we have at death, we may have forever, without further increase. They only see the need that people become Christians (?) and have some spiritual growth. Thus, they do not need to train

18. REFERENCES FOR GAINING SPIRITUAL MATURITY: Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 3:19; 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 6:1; 11:35; James 1:2-4.

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in depth-breadth as God commands we do to become mature in Christ-likeness. They can dumb down their training without hurting their people. They are not outcome oriented. This is spiritual folly.

If they had excellence before God and wanted to know and relate to Him to His maximum, would they not pursue maturity in Christ with high priority and excellence? This is what I think.

Churches are working with an inverted priority. They are working with unbelievers, new people, and the less committed watchers in priority over working with their own gung ho and the very faithful.●19 Thus, in time, there will be fewer gung ho and the very faithful. Less of God's true work will be happening. Such a movement, as presented, leads to an immature Church with a plateau of Bible knowledge, and a loss of biblical intellect. It leads to the situation that very few know and can teach the Bible in any depth-breadth. Fewer are becoming mature in Christ.

Believers being more matured in Christ, by means of depth-breadth training, will become more involved in God's work and will bring more glory to God. They will send more spiritual wealth on ahead, and will receive more heavenly rewards that God wants to give. They would be able to know and relate to God more fully.

CAUSE THREE - SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND SATANIC STRATEGIES: Churches do not have the discernment and doctrine to see that what they are doing is implementing key satanic strategy. It is causing a falling away that helps Satan bring the endtimes Tribulation and is not preparing their people for the soon-coming endtimes. **Not being mature, the people will not be so involved in God's Word to evangelize. Thus, it helps to impede the elect from believing and from accomplishing God's chosen work. It helps Satan in his quest to defeat Christ in the spiritual warfare (of course this cannot and will not happen).**

CAUSE FOUR - CRITICAL ANALYSIS: Churches are not doing critical analysis to understand their situation of their actual ministry and their situation in the other three causes. They are not evaluating as to whether or not they are actually maturing their people and are actually doing needed area-wide true evangelism. They do not know and recognize the signs●20 that signal the Tribulation can be soon coming. They do not see that they are partly responsible for the endtimes Tribulation coming. They do not see that they are not adequately operating under God's Greatness that would be carrying out His total will. They do not see that they do not have the desire and commitment to know as much of God and His ways that they can. They are working mostly for human based relationships. This is good, but most inadequate.

19. **PRIORITIES:** We need to understand that churches are composed of the gung ho, the faithful, and the less committed watchers with new people. The gung ho and the faithful want the more advanced teaching and to become mature. They want to be in ministry, know God in His depth-breadth, and have a heart worship of God. So adequate training must be provided for them in some manner. The watchers and new people may be satisfied with the low level teaching. But even among the watchers and new people, there are those who want to become the gung ho and the faithful. So however we arrange our teaching and church services, we must accommodate this situation.

But we must realize and act to give our gung ho and very faithful first priority. If we do not give the training required, the numbers of our gung ho and faithful will decline and, in time, few will know and be able to teach the Bible. Is this not happening? If we do not provide in depth-breadth training, new people will not have anything for which to look forward after they complete the basic training. Christian growth and Church life will plateau. This is happening.

20. **SIGNS:** Many of the signs that signal the Tribulation can be soon coming are given in my prophecy reports including *The Pattern View of Prophecy*.

SOME KEY THOUGHTS: Because of the direction of the movement, those involved are having a major forfeiture of God's Best and of knowing and relating to Him toward His fulness. This is most terrible. And is not leadership causing it? Will they not face judgment?

A summary of key items include: (1) in eternity, we need maturity in Christ to know and relate to God toward His fulness; (2) we are commanded to leave teaching of only the fundamentals and pursue maturity; (3) God draws people to Himself using His Word, not music (He can use the lyrics of music - good hymns); (4) dumbing down does not bring maturity and implements satanic strategy; (5) we are commanded to walk as Christ walked, thinking and doing only that which comes from God the Father as a source (not from man as a source as our churches are doing in many ways); and (6) the dumbing down, using the world's music.

MORE DETAIL: SO WHAT IS THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT?

ORIENTATION: The Church Growth Movement is adapting the Church to the world, instead of the world to God and His Bible. They are doing things to draw the world, particularly the youth, based on what man thinks and not so much on what God states in His Word. It is a movement that is working from the outside to the inside, instead of working from the inside out.

One way to discern between the work of God and the work of Satan in one's spiritual life is this: God always works from the center to the circumference, while Satan works from the circumference toward the center. ●21 God places the choice of heaven or the Lake of Fire before the sinner. He places before each Christian the choice of the world or His Kingdom. ●22

The Church Growth Movement is choosing the world. However, for man to change, God, not the world, must first change the man. Our major concern should be our spiritual life under and in God and not just to know some doctrine and to reach people. Our highest achievement in Christianity is a complete union with God and Christ and a total loss of self. It is death to self. It is when every thought and action for man comes from God as a source. Then man will not attempt to work all things together for good, but instead will only trust God to do it. The spiritual life is what the Church Growth Movement is missing or at least does not appear to pursue.

We must thoroughly understand that God's objective is for us to know and relate to Him throughout eternity. We must be mature in Christ-likeness for this to occur to the fullest. Apart from being mature in Christ-likeness so that we can know and relate to God, there is nothing. The main job of the Church is to see that this maturity is developed. Thus, the main job of the Church is not to do evangelism, however important. Evangelism is a most vital and a major first main step in the process and must be accomplished, but it is not the main objective, regardless of how vital. Churches in the Church Growth Movement and many other churches do not understand this concept.

Our churches generally over the years are doing some good things with some good results. This is without question. But in the bigger picture, how well have they done and are now doing to mature their people in Christ so they can know and relate to God toward His fullness. It appears that churches believe that if they have salvation and some spiritual growth that God will take care of the rest in

21. **INSIDE TO OUTSIDE:** Quote from *Secrets to Spiritual Power* page 266 by Watchman Nee.

22. **THE WORLD OR GOD'S KINGDOM:** Quote from *Secrets to Spiritual Power* page 159 by Watchman Nee.

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eternity. But why does God command that we pursue maturity? Can He use it in a different way in eternity than we can know now? Regardless of our eternal future, we should obey God now and pursue maturity in Christ-likeness. So why don't we? (Review the four causes.)

SO WHAT IS THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT?: *The church growth movement is the utilization of modern marketing techniques by the church in order to draw and hold large numbers of people (including especially the youth - my comment) (by meeting their "felt needs"). The church then "converts" them and "disciples" them through the use of modern organizational management (Total Quality Management-style) techniques, so they can effect "change" in the community, and the world. ●23 They become agents of social change, or "change agents."* ●24

*Popularly, the term **emerging church** has been applied to high-profile, youth oriented congregations that have gained attention on account of their rapid numerical growth; their ability to attract (for retain) twenty somethings; their contemporary worship, which draws from popular music styles and their ability to promote themselves to the Christian subculture through websites and word of mouth.* ●25

Religious behavior is not a given, unlike ethnicity, family, or neighborhood. Thus, religious practices transcends primary ties, and no longer does one adopt the traditions of one's parents. Individuals make their own religious choices; the emancipation of the self is manifested through the abandoning of all ascriptive barriers and the embracing of subjectivity and individual expression. ●26

There are no doubt many variations of the theme in many of our churches. But the concept is to reach many of the unchurched youth. The concept is to keep them in the churches through modern management and advertising techniques based on meeting the "felt needs of the people" - not on the required depth and great teachings of God's Word with a solid walk with Christ. ●27 The modern concept is that the ways of the Church must change to reach the youth in a new culture. But this is man's, not God's way. This thinking has led the churches to become "user friendly" by teaching God's Word with nomenclature in a dumbed down fashion to meet the needs of man as man sees them and by bringing in music to which he is acquainted - contemporary dominate repetitious loud beat rock music.

This is resulting in a dumbing down process of teaching using but little of God's Word. ●28 These

23. WHAT IS THE CHANGE: *"This new paradigm is not centered in theology, but rather it is focused on structure, organization, and the transition from an institutionally based church to a mission-driven church."* From *What's Wrong with the 21st Century Church?* by Dr. Robert Klenck. (The Church and its people are being transformed away from God's best to that of the world.)

24. CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT: Quoted from page 5 of *Diaprax and the Church - An Analysis of the Church Growth Movement* by Dr. Robert Klenck. Dr. Klenck shows the start and progress of this movement and who were involved in promoting it. It is a good publication to read on where things are going. He also has videos.

25. EMERGING CHURCHES: Quoted from page 41 of *Emerging Churches* by Bolger and Gibs.

26. SELECTED BEHAVIOR: Quoted from page 23 of *Emerging Churches* by Bolger and Gibs

27. KEEPING PEOPLE IN THE CHURCHES: It is thought that bringing people to have many friends in the church, that people will not leave, even if they are displeased with what is happening, because they want to be with their friends.

28. BEGINNING LEVEL: It is not wrong to teach at the beginning (milk of the Word) level if our churches are
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churches mainly do not use the accurate King James and New American Standard Bibles.●29 They, instead, use many paraphrased versions that have much less accuracy, even error with misleadings, but are easier to read. They are keeping them from the best that God wants to give and causing them to be casualties in the spiritual warfare.●30 They are keeping or impeding them from reaching a large maturity in Christ and knowing of God's Greatness.

And Church leadership is doing this! What spirit is leading them? Does it look like the Holy Spirit? Are leaders mature in Christ and have a good base of Bible doctrinal understanding and theology working for God's excellence? Are they responding to God's Greatness having His best for the Church? It does not look like it. The churches, even having some good biblical things, are going to a carnal humanistic type of church. So is the Holy Spirit leading us and to what extent? **So are our Church leaders adequately mature in Christ?**

The Bible implies that if we were mature in Christ, we would not be led to things from the viewpoint of the world. We would not be led astray.

Ephesians 4:13-14 - until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

One must be a good Berean and search the Scriptures for any truth in this movement (Acts 17:10-11). There is no Scripture that teaches we should use only first-level teaching and the world's music. These are man's ideas. (The world's music has bad effects on people because of its structure. These effects will be described.)

Our churches have lost biblical substance. We now have a cultural, not a biblical, religion in America. Our young people have been taken over by the culture and the world. Many of those who are Christians, particularly our youth, do not show a Christian life. Spiritual darkness is increasing.

America and part of the world today are going through a culture revolution where older forms of Church services are no longer attractive to the youth, particularly as unbelievers. They have gone to different music, lap top computers, Ipods, computer games, and cell phones. Even Christian youth are greatly effected so they are not committed sufficiently to God, His Word, His Ways and gaining maturity in Christ. The churches are thinking that if they are to reach the youth, they may have to use

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also teaching a version of God's Whole Counsel in depth-breadth level at the more advanced level (meat of the Word). There can be several levels of training. The teaching at the beginning level must be biblically accurate and not misleading. The teaching should meet the people's needs as God sees them, not just as man sees them.

29. HOME MEETINGS: I have been in home meetings when the paraphrased Bibles, including the New International Version, teach something entirely different than the King James and New American Standard Bibles teach. These other versions take more liberty with the original languages.

30. DISCIPLESHIP: In the major movement, there appears to be but little mature discipleship being done. But in some churches more discipleship may happen with an aim for Christian growth, instead of maturing in Christ. These groups and their training are method, not outcome oriented. The churches can be quite varied. All believers need to understand the Dialectic Process and the intent of the Diaphragm as discussed in this report.

communication media and type of music that they use. We may have to put God's Word in a simple format to which they will listen, understand, and respond (world marketing). ***This is spiritual folly.***

To accommodate this thinking, our churches are going to easy-to-listen-to first level teaching and contemporary rock type music. How good is their statement of faith, including for salvation in Christ?

WHAT IS THE CREATION SOURCE OF THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT?

There are several known people behind, promoting, and spreading this modern Church Growth Movement. We do not like to mention people's or Church's names because it is not our objective to attack people or churches, but only wrong doctrine and non-biblical methods. As before, we leave leaders and people to God's judgment. We are not to judge God's servants (are they?). And even in this wrong direction, some good things may be being done and accomplished. We do not want to criticize these. We all can be judged.

But this movement is most seriously impeding people from having God's best, and is going world-wide. It is leading to help bring the coming Tribulation. Thus, it needs to be discussed.

References (see those at the end of this report) show that Bill Hybels of the Willow Creek Church, Rick Warren of the Saddleback Church, and Robert Schuller of the Crystal Cathedral are largely responsible for the movement.●31 They have talked to and have given seminars to tens and hundreds of thousands of pastors and church leaders world wide and sold many thousands, even millions, of books●32 about their approach to study and ministry. ●33 And many-many churches are now wrongly caught up in the movement, believing it to be right and best for now. ***As presented earlier for the movement, one main problem with Rick Warren's teachings is not so much what he teaches, but instead, what he greatly leaves out of his teachings.●34 ●35***

31. **RESPONSIBLE PERSONS:** These responsible persons are listed on Page 5 of *Diaprax and the Church; An Analysis of the Church Growth Movement* by Robert Klenck.

32. **EXAMPLE BOOK:** *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

33. **WARREN'S APPROACH** (from his seminars - a paper by Dennis Costella: *The Church Growth Movement - An Analysis of Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven" Church Growth Strategy*): Warren states that the items for church growth must include: (1) all traditional values and traditional church services must go; (2) the message must be positive and non-threatening, and meet the people's needs as they see them; (3) the organ and piano must be replaced by a band with drums; (4) the dress must be informal and casual; (5) using easy-to-read paraphrased Bibles, not the King James or other accurate Bibles; (6) evangelism only in the church (do they have the correct message?); and (7) not teaching doctrine in the church services (then when?). (They do not appear to know or teach a clear message of the true Gospel.) ***(As time goes by, Warren may correct some of these. This would be my hope and prayer.)***

34. **SUPPORT:** Where most books and reports I have read criticize the movement promoted by Rick Warren, there is one book that backs him and his ministry. This book is: *Rick Warren and the Purpose that Drives Him* by Richard Barnes.

35. **STATEMENT OF FAITH:** The statement of faith on the Saddleback Church web site, on the surface, reads like one should. But it leaves out the Cross and the understanding of its satisfying God's Justice for sin. It leaves out the need to have maturity in Christ. It leaves out the details of the Lake of Fire. But is the church following it in their community groups?

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I have reviewed some of Warren's sermons and teachings on his web site. In my view, he describes things in human terms as man sees things. He leaves out most of how God sees things. In retrospect, his ministry is horizontal in nature from man's perspective, and is very light on the vertical from God's perspective. It comes across as human psychology instead of good and complete Bible doctrine as God sees things. And he is influencing thousands of churches and pastors!

What David Cloud observed, in his visit to Saddleback Church, from Warren's sermon that he heard, quote: "There was no specific mention of the hard things of God's Word such as sin, separation, judgment, hell, or repentance. These were replaced with general and vague references to biblical truth. No clear gospel message was given. Some of the things that were stated were good, but the error lay chiefly in what was not stated. This is the hallmark of New Evangelicalism, which is characterized not so much by the heresy that is preached but by the truth that is neglected in an effort to present the Bible in a more positive light."

The church services are extremely informal and disrespectful to God.●36

These men are church (and world) change agents. They are taking our churches from where they are to at least a semi apostate organization and ministry.●37 Warren is going world wide with help to nations beyond the Bible in a peace movement to help people in their needs, but at the expense of dumbing down the churches regarding God's Plan. ●38. Warren's efforts are going exceedingly

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From a *Visit to Saddleback Church* by David Cloud: Everything about Saddleback is shallow. Truth has been boiled down to such a low common denominator that not much is left. For example, the Saddleback Statement of Faith has six simple points. Note the following statement on salvation, which we are quoting in full:

"Salvation is a gift from God to mankind. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can we be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment we receive Jesus Christ into our life by faith."

Note that the gospel is not actually given in this statement. There is nothing about Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, nothing about His shed blood and atonement. Sinners are exhorted to trust Christ, but that is not explained in any sense whatsoever

36. David Cloud quote: *"I visited two of the three morning services at Saddleback on August 24, the one at 8 a.m. and the one at 9:45 a.m. The church complex is huge. The main auditorium seats many thousands, and there are dozens of other buildings for various ministries. The overall mood of the services is casual in the extreme. The people dress much as they would for a secular sporting event. Women are dressed in shorts, short skirts, tight pants, and other types of immodest attire. The church bulletin for that Sunday was patterned after the cover to the TV Guide. The words "TV Guide" were replaced with "SC Guide" for Saddleback Church. Television was mentioned several times in the message but there was not a hint of warning about its dangers."*

37. NAMES: ***We mention their names and their system of change so you can be on the alert when you come across their literature, methods, and tapes and avoid using them and their system and doctrines. It is so you can come out of and avoid joining their Church Growth Movement.*** You can avoid joining what Rick Warren is doing and teaching.

38. PEACE MOVEMENT: Book: *Rick Warren's Global Peace Plan vs Scriptural Teachings on Peace* by James Sundquist.

greatly extra-biblical and he appears to be joining with the United Nations. ●39 ***Some of this can be good from a human perspective. But it does not bring salvation and maturity in Christ to the world.***

Their churches are working with priority at the lowest common denominator of Christians and unbelievers.

COMMENTS: Their direction results in being more concerned about numbers and reaching the world than having greater holiness, righteousness, and faithfulness under Christ. The movement is a direct disobedience to Scripture (sin of omission) because the Bible teaches we are to leave having only elementary teachings about Christ and pursue maturity, teaching more in depth-breadth. We are not to join with the world. A friend of the world is an enemy of God. So where does Warren stand ●40

Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

James 4:4 - You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? (This because when we do only what the world wants, we leave out God's truth and go in wrong ways.)

Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Because of these and bringing the world's music into the Church, it is largely a worldly movement. This is sin of commission. In our view, it is what the Bible teaches that we should not do - doing what is right according to our own eyes, instead of in the eyes of God. We are not to be friends of the world. Do those involved have fear of God because they appear to lack discernment that they should seek out and do all of what God wants done? (How many churches do the latter?)

Isaiah 5:21 - Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And clever in their own sight!

Deuteronomy 12:8 - "You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes;

1 John 2:15-16 - Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and

39. WARREN EXPANSION: A good source of articles on what Warren is doing is found on the web site of Berit Kjos: *Crossroad.to*. She has much information as to where the church movement is going and how world-wide spread it is, and its association with the United Nations. It is our goal to discuss the biblical and doctrinal aspects of the Church Growth Movement, but not its details. We leave the details to others. Check out this web site for details. ***Your eyes will open.***

40. GAINING MATURITY: We gain maturity in Christ-likeness as we obey God as He works in us in the trials, testings, and temptations of life. We cannot gain maturity on our own. He works in us and leads us to obey His Word that we know and understand. Thus, with more understanding of the Bible for how one lives the Christian life, God can work more in people to bring them along, as they obey God in response, to greater maturity levels. Thus, it is important to teach God's Word in depth-breadth particularly application oriented. In this, we have no choice, because God, in the Bible, commands us to teach His Whole Counsel and pursue maturity and live as our Lord lives.

the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Romans 3:18 - "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

There can be some good things happening. But even wanting to do right, the movement is departing from excellence to do God's best and maturing their people in Christ. It is departing from being centered in theology, living under Christ's Lordship, and using the great hymns of the faith. (Different Christian churches and/or ethnic backgrounds can use different music than the hymns as long as it is not repetitious and loud dominate syncopated beat. Many crusades are using Gospel music.) It is bringing a general dumbing down of the faith. The music, as discussed later, brings harmful effects on church people and brings God questionable worship. People attend for the experience and getting their felt needs met in addition to their desire to honor God.

Are we correct in what we see? Read the references and hear the videos and your eyes will open wide.

1 Timothy 4:1 - But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

(This verse has much application now, but its full effect no doubt occurs during the Tribulation.)

ANOTHER RELATED FACTOR: NEW (REALLY LACK OF) TOLERANCE LAWS ●41

New laws are coming (are they here now) that will make it illegal for anyone to speak against another's religion and faith and/or states that his is the only right one (which in practice is speaking against other views).●42 The concept is that all religious beliefs are equal. ***This is a denial of the existence of an absolute God with absolute Truth as placed in His Holy Bible. It is a denial of the perfect God we, as believers, all love. It is a denial of the need to have justification for sin. It is great compromise and sin. It is death of the true biblical church.***

With the new tolerance, comes: (1) the death of Truth - departure from the Bible; (2) the loss of conviction - all are correct; (3) not a correct faith - all are equal - not allowed to do what you believe - all must believe the same; (4) human rights are removed - most go with the majority; (5) the dominance of feeling - forget Truth; (6) the exaltation of nature; and (7) the decent into extremes - departure from the Bible.

When we add this to the Church Growth Movement when people have but little doctrine, we can have a most terrible melding of the practices of the Church Growth Movement with those of the New Tolerance. Of course this will depend much on the individual and the doctrines they understand. But both will bring a most devastating result of a major falling away of the Church from the active true Christian faith. It will have a most terrible negative effect on our bringing people to believe in Christ.

41, **NEW TOLERANCE:** This information was taken from chapter five of *The New Tolerance* by McDowell and Hostetler.

42. **WITNESSING:** When I witness the Gospel, I do not speak against the religions of others. I do not say the Bible and Christianity are the only way. I simply say this is what the Bible teaches. I trust God to work in them and convict them with His Word that is shared. I do say, that in the judgment before God, we do not get to vote. So you want to be right. Thus, one should investigate Christianity for the case it is correct.

MORE ON THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT (Its Teaching, Church Services, and Music, Causing the Church to Fall Away)

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Using rock music, our churches are abandoning the hymns. **They believe that music is amoral - neutral. It is not.** These churches are going away from the great Bible truths to how we feel about things and what we think we should believe and do. They are using the world's method of advertising. They are attempting to preach bringing people solutions to their felt needs, instead of by God's Whole Counsel. They want to share love and bring them connection with other believers for fellowship. But biblically, we must be in fellowship with and agree with God first before we can be in true godly fellowship with and agree with each other.

1 John 1:6-7 - If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light (having fellowship with God), we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

The love we are to live is in sacrificial service to others in need as directed by God. They avoid teaching about negative things such as divine discipline, Hell, and the Lake of Fire. We are going away from the Bible absolutes and completeness to ambiguity by not teaching the whole picture - God's Whole Counsel.

The Church Growth Movement is establishing small home groups using a facilitator with horizontal sharing of pabulum (milk of God's Word). They work for group consensus rather than for the Truth of the Bible - thus saith the Lord. They have gone from "I know from what the Bible teaches," to what "I feel" and what "I think" resulting in group consensus. The facilitator often works for a predetermined outcome. The people's beliefs are based on consensus, not what the Bible teaches. This is apostasy. It is a departure from God's absolutes. Going world wide, it will lead to a global religion based on what man thinks, not what the Bible teaches. In the movement, all beliefs are equal without the Bible's absolutes. The trends, in this movement, are leading to churches and a religious system that will no longer preach justification for sin. ●43

They have abandoned vertical teaching and discipling with in depth-breadth teaching (meat of God's Word). Thus, they are changing from the biblical vertical to the human horizontal. Going the facilitator route without vertical factual teaching is keeping the depth-breadth of God's Word from the Church people. **Increased attendance can come out of this movement, but with not much spiritual growth in Christ. What percentage are actually being saved?** It limits growing to great maturity as God commands. The person who shares with biblical facts in these small groups now is often considered by some as a trouble maker - one who disrupts. The facilitator works for people to share, controls the answers for a predetermined outcome, but generally he does not teach. Churches can buy in so to speak in different amounts. Although we see the trends, only God knows the actual situation and the hearts of the leaders and people. Only God knows how much of His will is actually being implemented. Of course, the degree this is being done depends upon individual churches. Not all churches have bought in to the full extent. We make our judgments of the trends based on Bible doctrines.

43. **SMALL GROUPS:** God may use these home groups in different ways when the Tribulation comes and when the government makes war with the Church and closes our church buildings. With Church people in small groups, the people will still be under some leadership and will not be scattered. The people can support each other. Our prayers are that these groups would see to seek maturity in Christ and trust Him to work all things together for good. But will they know how to do it?

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We encourages churches to recognize the causes of the symptoms of the Church Growth Movement and turn to obey God's greater will. If this does not happen, as introduced, will not God not judge leadership and the Tribulation come without recourse? This is what I believe. We all may receive some judgment.●44 ●45

GOOD MUSIC: Professional musicians (e.g. those having a phd in music and/or play professionally in classical music orchestras) teach that good music has the melody dominate, the harmony next, and the rhythm last and under control.●46 We can have trumpet toots, cymbal crashes, and drum beats and roles, but they cannot dominate, be repetitive, and have a loud and syncopated beat.●47 We need the rhythm to bring life, dynamics, and fun to the music. This is the form of classical music that has lasted through the years.●48 The melody reaches our spirit and heart, the harmony our souls and mind, and the rhythm our bodies and sensuality. Sacred music is for the Lord, not for our entertainment as is rock music. It is for our spirit and soul.

Thus, the characteristics of good music that one would expect God to use is in the chart.

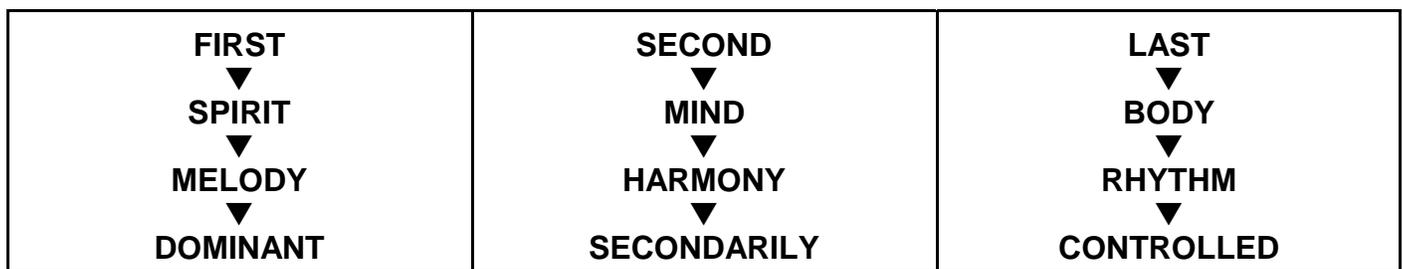


Chart was taken from *Music in the Balance* page 63 by Garlock and Woetzel.

MUSIC IN THE BIBLE: There are no drums or guitars in the Bible. Instruments used include the lyre,

44. **BOWING OF KNEES:** We must realize that in eternity we all, believers and unbelievers, will bow our knees before Christ and declare Him Lord to the glory of God the Father (Romans 14:11; Phillippians 2:9-11). We will be judged and rewarded for our works. There will be judgment for both believers and unbelievers. We need to be right in what we are now doing before our God.

45. **REFORM:** Many churches and believers today are working to reform America. But this can happen only if our church leadership followed by our church people turn to greater obedience to God. (2 Chronicles 7:14) It can, however, perhaps delay the coming of God's judgment.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

46. **REFERENCES:** *Music in the Balance* by Dr. Garlock and Dr. Woetze; *The Language of Music* (book and video tapes by Dr. Frank Garlock

47. **PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS:** It is not wrong to use percussion instruments. The Bible uses them such as trumpets and cymbals. It is not having them is the problem, but how they are played. There is nothing wrong with a full orchestra. It can bring great Church music.

48. **BUILDING INTELLIGENCE:** Playing and listening regularly to classical music that has the melody dominant has been known to boost intelligence. This happened to Einstein. (Ballum, Michael: Audio Tapes: *Music and the Mind* and page 92 of *Music in Crisis* by Dr. Wheaton.) Thus, then should not churches use melody dominate music such as the hymns? This will help Church people learn more from the sermons. Would not God use this kind of music? This is what I think. (When I study and type reports, I listen to classical type music.)

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tambourine, lute, stringed instruments such as the harp, cymbals, and trumpets. The cymbals and trumpet are often played loud, but there is no evidence of a repeated or syncopated beat.

ROCK MUSIC: So what kind is rock music? The beat is loud and dominate. It is satanically inspired music designed to lower and impede the intellectual understanding of the Scripture and have less sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Regularly listening to Rock music energizes the body and sensuality. (Just watch the motions of people in their cars when they are listening to forms of rock music.)

In our worship services, rock music brings out the physical (body motion) and deals with the temporal - our bodies want to move. Dominate melody brings out the spiritual and deals with the eternal. Rock music emphasizes man and melody music emphasizes God - brings the worship of God to our spirits and souls. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him with spirit and truth, not with body motions (although King David danced before the Lord with proper music). In singing the hymns, we are concentrating on God. When we hear rock music with an emphasized loud beat, we have the tendency to concentrate on our body motions, having an experience.●49

"Today there is a crisis in Christian music. Secular, pagan, and even occult musical styles have crept into the church, all dressed up with new Christian lyrics. Old, traditional hymns, tried and true, have been thrown on the scrap heap of church history. Naively, pastors, music directors, and younger members of the congregations have often unknowingly embraced musical styles that can have negative effects on their listeners. Music is so powerful it can easily overpower the higher reasoning portions of the brain and bring about uncontrollable physiological, psychological, and spiritual changes that are in direct conflict with biblical teachings."●50

*We believe that using loud beat dominant rock-type music especially with syncopated repetitive beats is always wrong.●51 **It is not of God. Its source is voodooism, paganism, and immorality. As introduced, the rock patterns in the syncopated drum-beat music in other countries with the cults was meant for and was used to call and bring up demons and evil spirits. It has led many into immorality, other addictions, and crime.*** ●52

49. INFLUENCE: "A national chain of convenience stores recently adopted the policy of playing light classical music broadcast softly just outside their stores to drive away the gang activity. It seems that Mozart softened the gang's edge and took away their aggression." Quote from page 92 of *The Crisis in Christian Music* by Dr. Wheaton.

50. QUOTE: Quote from page 9 of *The Crisis in Christian Music* by Dr. Wheaton.

51. REPETITION AND LOUD VOLUME: Quote from page 35 of *Music in the Balance* by Dr. Garlock and Dr. Woetzel: "Rock music would not be rock without endless repetition of rhythmic, harmonic, and melodic patterns. Certainly the characteristics of repetition and loud volume are not new to those who have tried to carry out a meaningful conversation while rock music dominated the area. While such music may have been an annoyance to the hearer, these qualities of rock music have a deeper significance. Halpern suggests: "The loud volume, drums, and repetition of much of the rock genre bears a non-coincidental resemblance of trance music found in other parts of the world.""

52. IMMORALITY AND OTHER ADDICTIONS FROM ROCK MUSIC: See: (1) *How to Conquer the Addiction to Rock Music* by Youth Who Have Found Freedom; (2) *What the Bible Has to Say About "Contemporary Christian" Music; Ten Scriptural Reasons Why the Rock Beat is Evil in Any Form* by Institute of Basic Life Principles; and (3) *Notice of Complaint Against The Unrecognized Enemy of the Church* by Institute of Basic Life Principles. **Testimonies of many young people are given in these publications for how rock music beat has caused them many addictive type problems and what they did to get rid of them and rock**

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“ Rock music has one appeal only, a barbaric appeal, to sexual desire - not love, not eros, but sexual desire undeveloped and untutored.”●53

Rock music was meant to be loud, repetitious, carnal, and extremely suggestive sexually. It is a dangerous mistake to think that you can take the rock format and add Christian lyrics and the result will be okay. It is not. The body will be getting the sensual message of the music. The mind will trigger the fight or flight syndrom, stimulating aggressiveness with increased energy, but the human spirit will be receiving a watered-down, simplistic message. The Christian will most likely go with the body and the mind, than with the lyrics. Is this not a most dangerous way to package the message of grace to an unsaved and sick world? Why would mature Christians want to hear it?●54

God draws people through His Word and music with lyrics of His Word. This is the hymns and Gospel music. Liking the music is not the issue. It is what God likes and what draws people under conviction to a new way of life under God with salvation. It is not to bring the world's music into the Church to have the same conditions of the world.

On a visit to Warren's Saddleback Church, David Cloud reports:●55 *The music was pure rock and roll. There were five singers, two electric guitars, a drum kit, an electric keyboard, 2 saxophones, a piano, trumpet, trombone, and flute. Three special numbers were performed with a pure nightclub effect, complete with swirling lights in the background and attractive female singers swaying and dancing to the music. It appeared to me that not many of the people were actually participating in the worship service. Most were merely watching the show up front.*

A COMPARISON OF TRADITIONAL AND THE CONTEMPORARY●56

ISSUES	THE TRADITIONAL	THE CONTEMPORARY
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music.

If one reads the above and the following:Lucarini, Dan: *Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Music Movement*; Wheaton, Dr. Jack: *Crisis in Christian Music*; Garlock and Woetzel (Drs'): *Music in the Balance*, one would never use contemporary loud repetitive syncopated beat music ever again in the church. They would go to good hymns.

Quote from *Crisis in Christian Music* page 166 by Dr. Wheaton: *“Music is a bridge between heaven and earth. It is also a bridge between earth and hell. Just be careful which bridge you take, or lead others on.”*

53. **QUOTE:** Quote of Adam Bloom on page 37 in *Music in the Balance* by Dr's Garlock and Woetzel.

54. **ROCK MUSIC:** Concept taken from page 64 of *Crisis in Christian Music* by Dr. Wheaton.

55. **WARREN MUSIC:** *A Visit to Saddleback Church* by David Cloud

56. **CHART DATA:** The chart data was taken from: *Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Church Movement* by Dan Lucarine, page 120.

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What is the primary purpose of the worship service?	To prepare hearts for the preaching	To usher people into the presence of God
What needs to be emphasized?	The preaching	The music
What is the primary motive in selecting the music?	Does God like it?	Do the people like it?
What is the secondary motive in selecting the music?	Do the people like it?	Does God like it?
What is the primary indicator of a successful service?	I was really convinced by the Word of God today! (Truth based.)	I really worshiped god today! (Experience based.)

CHART COMMENT: We also worship God when from our hearts we praise and exalt God as we sing special hymns that have special meaning to our hearts, even without hearing the sermon. **One example would be *The Lord's Prayer* sung with the conventional music that we all love.**

What is happening in our churches? It is bringing the world into the Church. The Bible says we are not to love the world nor the things in the world. We are not to be a friend of the world. So does rock music bring worship to God? It does not look like it. Its use has the tendency to reduce one's sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading. This opposite is true with the great hymns of the faith with dominate melody, sang from the heart and great love of God to worship Him. The use of lighter contemporary music with the melody dominate with good harmony(not rock music) may be okay.●57

HOW CAN WE RECOGNIZE DANGEROUS RHYTHMS? *"A simple test allows us to recognize dangerous rhythms. First if it is too loud, too repetitive, and highly syncopated, it is potentially dangerous. If one feels more like moving, swaying, and clapping than listening to the lyrics, it is dangerous. If one finds the music turns one on, hypes one up, and causes one to be very emotional, but not spiritual, it is dangerous. If one feels more like dancing than singing, it can be wrong. If it*

57. MINIMUM OBEDIENCE FACTOR: God may use these methods to bring some people salvation and along to have some low-level maturity in Christ-likeness. This is because that this is most likely to which many or most people can or will respond under contemporary music. It may be better to have at least this level than a lessor or no maturity at all. God may allow or even direct the present circumstances from the viewpoint that the churches' disobedience may not allow them to spiritually see God's more direct will until after they return to the obedience they know. Thus, He may be causing a famine of His Word. Do we not all have this problem to some extent? Only God knows the true picture.

makes you more conscious of the opposite sex look out. ●58

In our opinion, if our churches understood the information about DIAPHRAX and the DIALECTIC PROCESS in the many references, particularly in the videos and dvd's by Robert Klenck and Dean Gotcher, of the characteristics and causes of this Church Growth Movement falling away, those with discernment would never be involved in it. They would change what they are now doing to become the Church of Scripture. They would leave the Church Growth Movement and /or never become involved in it. They would never adopt any of its characteristics such as its rock music, baseball diamond, first-level only training, and world marketing techniques.

Also if one reads the following: (1) Lucarini, Dan: Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Music Movement; (2) Wheaton, Dr. Jack: Crisis in Christian Music; (3) Youth Who Have Found Freedom: How to Conquer the Addiction of Rock Music; (4) Institute of Basic Life Principles: What the Bible Has to Say About "Contemporary Christian" Music; Ten Scriptural Reasons Why the Rock Beat is Evil in Any Form; (5) Notice of Complaint Against The Unrecognized Enemy of the Church (Rock Music); and (6) Garlock and Woetzel (Drs'): Music in the Balance, one would never use contemporary loud repetitive syncopated beat music ever again. They would go to good hymns and other melody dominated music.

We believe that rock-type music should never be used in our churches because it is not of God. It is not because we grew up with the hymns and do not like the rock music, even though this is also true.

So are the leaders of churches mature in Christ that have involvement? Do they know doctrine, and have the Lord's heart? It does not look like it.

There has been a trend of Church music changing through the years from the good toward the worst. We have the hymns which bring truth and substance. We have Gospel music. Next following, we have the choruses that are sung repetitively and have little biblical substance. Then later, we have the rock music that disturbs and is highly anti-intellectual and is anti-God. What next?

A summary of the effects of loud beat rock music is it: hinders concentration to listening to and comprehending God's Word when preached; brings a bondage to those regularly listening to the music, creates sensuality and encourages immorality, brings rebellion to parents, gives ground to the devil, and hinders the true worship of God.●59

Please investigate the above references on your own and determine what you think. If you will, you will depart from and/or never embrace the Church Growth Movement and its rock-type music.

They, not being involved, would stay with in depth-breadth training and the hymns which brings God greater worship. ***Each of us longs for a deeper and stronger relationship with our Lord and a heart and true worship of Him.*** This is one reason we are writing this report. We love the Church. We believe those churches now going off course, want to do right. But they do not appear to have the doctrinal understanding and the Scriptural discernment to do it.

58. **DANGEROUS MUSIC:** Quote taken from page 66 of *Crisis in Christian Music* by Dr. Wheaton.

59. **ADDICTION TO ROCK MUSIC:** *What the Bible has to say about "Contemporary Christian Music - Ten Scriptural Reasons Why Rock Music is Evil in Any Form* by Institute of Basic Life Principles.

We need to show our love and come along side and help. This is what this report is all about. (But being heavily involved in this falling away, do our churches have the discernment to understand?)

OUR CHURCHES ARE IMPLEMENTING SATANIC STRATEGY

SATANIC STRATEGY: In our view, the Church Growth Movement is using satanic strategy to train people to solve problems by man ways and not by God and His Word. It is readying people for the New Age and world government under Satan and his people. It can be a UN global agenda. (See "Agenda 21." on the internet.) In Satan's mind, it is helping him toward winning the spiritual warfare over Christ.

One major result of the Church Growth Movement is that, as discussed, church people will not be able to do critical analysis to determine what is happening when world government and the Tribulation come. Not having taught much about Bible Prophecy, they will most likely go with the flow and many, if not most, will fall away from active faith under the coming persecution. Those believing in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture may believe they have missed the Rapture. They can believe they are not saved, and thus, can fall away.

Thus, the movement is designed to keep people from having the ability to do critical analysis to determine and know what is happening as the endtimes unfold. It is designed to help prevent the elect from believing and helping to accomplish God's chosen work. It is designed to bring the sin that will cause God to bring the Tribulation with world government over which Satan and his man will rule. This is most helpful to Satan's agenda to help bring the coming Tribulation. In the Tribulation under world government, Satan with His people will rule the world. He is doing much already secretly behind the scenes as God allows.

People not versed in God's Word, and especially worshiping under rock music, are observed to do little in ministry to bring in new converts and be in biblical ministry. My observation shows that many new people under the dumbed down training and under the rock music do not become much involved in the Sunday School, the ministry, and in evening church meetings. They come to church for the experience. Of course there are exceptions among churches and differences between churches. Many listening to the church service rock music are in ministry. But this movement is now going country and world wide.

THE DIALECTIC PROCESS:●60 In the Church Growth Movement, Satan uses a Dialectic Process called Diaprax, introduced earlier, that uses a three step process or sequence.●61 This process is to bring a paradigm shift or change from the government of God to that of man. It takes us from God's absolutes and maturing His people in Christ to man's relatives and consensus working man's way in a missions' goal of drawing the youth. Its goal is to meld the world's religions into one in the coming Tribulation period. It is going from nationalism to globalism. It will take away individual freedoms to live and worship according to ones belief structure to one to do things as the whole world does them - globalism. It is a unity in the dark.●62

60. **REFERENCES:** See reports, videos, and dvd's by Klenck and Gotcher in the references at the end of this report for details.

61. **DIAPRAX:** The definition is from: *The Dialectic and Praxis: Diaprax and the End of the Ages* by Dean Gotcher. This is recommended reading.

62. **ENEMIES:** The enemies of world government and that of the world religion's goal are Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. They will be warred against and greatly destroyed unless they join the Church Growth Movement
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In simplicity the Dialectic Process is one that uses:

- (1) **a method** (*antithesis* or technique, how I feel and think, compromise - lukewarmness);
- (2) **to take things from where there are - from absolutes** (*thesis* - I know - Biblical fact and Truth-source or God's objective - God's authority and absolutes);
- (3) **to where one wants them to be - compromise or falling away** (*synthesis* or result, consensus, no absolutes of the Bible, no authority apart from the group, man is now the authority, reassigned biblical values). Those in our liberal unbelieving churches are already at the diaphrax synthesis. Thus, the Church Growth Movement implements key satanic strategy.
- (4) **After reaching synthesis**, they make this new synthesis a new thesis for top direction.

For example, ●63 the Seeker-Friendly Church in the Church Growth Movement is unknowingly:

- (1) using mostly dumbed down teaching in a easy-to-receive format and loud contemporary syncopated loud repetitive dominant beat rock-type music (**method or antithesis**);
- (2) to take people from factual in depth-breadth understanding of the Bible, and living under its truths of thus saith the Lord, and living under Lordship, and using good music such as good hymns (**source or thesis**);
- (3) to one of consensus where man decides what to believe and do (**result or synthesis**). The result is some apostasy in the Church. This result in synthesis is called transformation with an eventual absence of Bible absolutes, spiritual maturity, and the true Gospel for salvation.
- (4) once synthesis is reached, they make this the new thesis or the norm.

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and/or the religion of world government.

63. **THE PROCESS:** For example, Satan used the 911 situation of the destruction of the New York World Trade Center as a method (antithesis) to take things from where they are requiring a court order to investigate people (Thesis) to where a court order is no longer necessary (synthesis).

In a future example, Satan will use a calamity (method) to take us from ordered independent governments (the way things are) to world government (the way he wants things to be.) Precursors of world government are here now and have been here for some time.

Satan used this process in the Garden of Eden. He, as a method, deceived Adam and Eve not to believe God and to sin eating of the forbidden tree. This was to take the situation where Christ had control of the Kingdom of God and the Title Deed of the Earth and eternal control over Adam and Eve to where Satan gained control from Christ over the Kingdom of God and the Title Deed of the Earth with Adam and Eve under his eternal control. He caused them to receive depraved natures that do not seek after God.

In my view, Satan is using the wrong Pre-Tribulation Rapture View as a method where people have no concern of the coming disciplinary judgment in the Tribulation. This allows them to take them from an obedience of maturing their people to the result where they do not have to train to obey to escape the judgment. Thus, they can dumb down their training without consequences. Of course God commands that we mature our people. So the former should not happen. (He commands it also for the churches in the Church Growth Movement.

Much of the Church is now in various degrees of joining in method or antithesis. This apostate movement going world wide is a sign the Tribulation can be coming. It is leading to the abandonment of the true Gospel. This will greatly increase when under the coming tolerance laws.

This is where Satan wants to take the Church. In my view, this is major sin. In thesis, God works all things together for good when the Church operates under His authority and absolutes. In synthesis, man, himself, attempts to work all things together for good, working under man's authority and Satan's influence. And of course in antithesis, there is some of both - compromise - lukewarmness. Our churches, most likely, in their hearts certainly do not mean to do this process, particularly if then knew the satanic origin and the eternal impacts on their people. But by their actions, they are carrying it out, perhaps in ignorance. We discuss the reasons why or the causes in some depth later. The problem in anti-thesis with compromise, it looks right when it, in God's best, is not.

There is no salvation, maturity, or absolutes in Christ in the third stage of synthesis. There is little understanding for the need for the satisfaction of divine justice for sin and thus, for the Cross of Christ. In synthesis, we are our own authority, no longer are God and His Word. Of course the situation in all churches can have different perceptions and results.

Can our leaders who are involved in and are indorsing choosing to go this way, have a lack of spiritual maturity and/or short on knowing Bible doctrine, perhaps both? Do they not have a lack of spiritual discernment? Otherwise, why would they go this route? ●64

DOING FIRST-LEVEL TRAINING, ●65 WE SHOULD ALSO TRAIN THOSE IN DEPTH-BREADTH WHO ARE OR WANT TO BECOME THE GUNG HO AND THE VERY FAITHFUL

Thus, we must clearly understand that churches that teach but little of God's Word and without much application can be bringing a most devastating damage to their people in light of eternity. This is true unless there is no alternative and people in today's environment can only gain limited maturity. ●66 Today, we are more concerned about success then about faithfulness, and about size (numbers) more than holiness. The church has been overcome by bringing in the culture. Our Sunday services are being designed more for the unbeliever and the new in Christ, than for maturing our own people

64. **CHURCH LEADERS:** Some good Church and Evangelistic leaders may use this rock-type or at least contemporary music without their desire. They do so because they have not discovered any other way to capture and reach today's youth. They should however, draw people using God's Word. They would greatly prefer not to use the rock and highly contemporary music. It is a means to an end.

65. **RESULTS OF FIRST-LEVEL TRAINING:** Recognize fully, as stated earlier, that teaching mainly only first-level training is in practice subtracting from Scripture which our Lord warns us strongly not to do (*Revelation 22:19*). We are to use all of Scripture (*2 Timothy 3:16*) - God's Whole Counsel (*Acts 20:27*). Being in the endtimes, God may be bringing a famine of His word because His people are falling away (*Amos 8:11*).

66. **NO SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY:** There is of course no Scripture that teaches we should teach only first-level training of the Scriptures. Leaders are doing this on their own authority. It is most sinful, and it brings great damage to God's people. The Scriptures teach we should teach all of Scripture such as God's Whole Counsel.

in Christ and allowing them to give greater worship to God. But even so, all churches should seek the few and find those people who want to go all the way with God - become the gung ho and the very faithful. They should disciple them in depth-breadth and involve them greatly in ministry. They should lead them to have a maximum maturity in Christ. This is what our Lord did. He worked with the few that would follow Him and accomplish His ministry.

Thus, we should recognize fully that our first priority is to our own people, especially to our gung ho and the very faithful.●67 Then our next lower priority is to the watchers in our churches and then after this, to the lost, new people, and to the unchurched. *What should be last priority, our churches are making first priority.* This is wrong because it removes maximum growth in Christ from our churches and results in our bringing less glory to God. If we do not have a demonstratable testimony before God, how will people know that God exists and wants to work in them? How can they know that there is success in God?

SUMMARY: WHERE WE ARE HEADED - WHAT ARE THE TRENDS

Our churches world-wide in the Church Growth Movement are most seriously falling away to the using of man's methods, having abandoned God's. We now have a world-wide church that is abandoning God's absolutes needed for salvation and a holy mature life unto God. Although doing some good things, we have a world-wide church in a growing apostasy. This movement is now capturing in some manner thousands of the world's churches. We are in terrible shape for the movement is leading to and helping to cause the soon-coming endtimes Tribulation.●68 The Tribulation leads to Christ's Coming and to the end of history.

It is now hard to find churches that are not using rock music and/or have in depth-breadth training that is both academic and application oriented. We now have to search for the best available. Some, by necessity, now are starting their own home fellowships.

This dumbing down is leading to an increasing falling away of our churches from commitment and action to do God's major work. Our young people are growing up with but little doctrinal knowledge and how to walk by faith and live the Christian life. This is true even though many young people are committed to Christ and to His work. But do they know doctrine?●69 **Many of our young people who**

67. **OUR OWN:** If we do not take care of our own, we are worse than unbelievers.

1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

68. **TRIBULATION, RAPTURE, AND ENDTIMES REFERENCES:** This Tribulation situation is described and developed in detail in my prophecy reports, newsletters, and books. Many-many doctrines teach the Church's Rapture occurs at our Lord's Second Coming after the endtimes Tribulation. ***There are no Scriptures that teach a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.*** See the References at the end of this report. We give some Scriptures later in this report.

69. **YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING TAUGHT ADEQUATE DOCTRINE:** I have been involved training young people of several churches to share the Gospel and lead children to Christ. These young people are most committed to Christ and to His work. They are on fire for Christ. But when I ask them basic questions on doctrine, they cannot answer any of them. For example, I know almost no one personally who knows Bible prophecy in much depth and can discuss the doctrines below the notion level or beyond what they have been
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are Christians have lives that do not reflect the Christian life, attitudes, and actions.●70 They do not act Christ-like. They look at the Church and young people's groups as boring or too narrow.●71 If they go to Church, it is for fun and fellowship, not for Bible training. I know young people in this situation.

I talked to a young lady who had attended a church in a major denomination of churches in our south east. She said that the church had but little effect on her life and how to and that she should become a Christian. We shared the Gospel with her. Another example of dumbing down.

If this movement captures most of the world's churches and moves most churches away from the basics of the Bible, the Tribulation will be here. Churches world wide are joining the movement. Churches join, but use different amounts of movement's ideas. Some churches adopt the nomenclature, the music, and the dumbing down to reach the youth, but still teach the Bible and the Gospel. Some good churches, observing their attendance decreasing, are adding the rock music.

We, as stated, are heading in our churches to a low-level plateau of Biblical understanding and doctrine. We are heading toward (we are there now?) an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect which means a loss of mind.●72 Our Bible knowledge is plateauing. We are heading toward a loss of good Church and classical music. The situation must be observed that our churches are going away from God's best and even His good. They are in a compromise situation at best.

Working at the lowest common denominator, we are implementing satanic strategy. If we are to be successful in growth toward maturity, we must train somewhere at the middle of the upper half of the smartness and commitment of people.●73 We must do this if maximum spiritual growth is to occur That is, we should be training our gung ho and faithful at a higher priority in depth-breadth. This brings watchers and new people maximum growth and incentive to study and to become the gung ho and the very faithful. We can also have a lower level teaching for new people and the watchers to get them started. But as stated, if we only teach at a lower-level, after a few months go by, few learn much unless they study on their own. And it causes those who want more to look for another Church. ***It can cause many to fall away, not knowing there is more.***

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told to believe. I ask people and young people to explain how we walk by faith, how we become mature in Christ, why do we have eternal security in Christ, and explain redemption and the atonement for iniquity. They cannot answer any of these and several other questions. (Can you answer any of these questions?) We are not teaching doctrine today, especially regarding the Christian life. We are not adequately discipling our people, especially our children and youth. What is your Church doing? What is my Church doing?

70. DO NOT REFLECT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: Page 18 of *The last Christian Generation* by Josh McDowell.

71, CHURCH IS BORING: Page 58 of *The last Christian Generation* by Josh McDowell.

72. LOST OF INTELLECT: *"An example of contemporary anti-intellectualism is that ministers are often encouraged to dumb down their sermons, rather than present more intellectually changing materials. Such sermons often aim at everyone in general and hence appeal to no one in particular,"* Quote from page 15 of *Truth Under Fire* by John Whitehead.

73. MUST TEACH AT THE HIGHER LEVEL OF THE CLASS: I took a Greek class some time ago. The professor kept working mostly at the lowest common denominator of the class. As a result, half of the class, the brighter students, left half way through the course. There was little purpose in staying. ***Could not this type situation be true of our churches today? It looks like it.***

It is very important to note, as previously introduced, that the situation of dumbing down is also happening in America's public schools, particularly in our high schools. We are graduating young people who can hardly read or write, have a poor education, and cannot do critical analysis of today's situation and the coming of world government. Many high school students in the United States are dropping out without graduating. Our church young people, without knowing much Bible doctrine, will also not be able to do critical analysis of the times.

As a result we will have a major falling away from the Christian faith to world government and to its religion as the endtimes come with its persecution and difficult conditions. Our young people will not be able to determine what is happening and why, when world government comes. This situation is Satan's strategy for world government and for fewer people coming to Christ and accomplishing God's work.

The trends are such that, after a few years, churches will no longer use the hymns and like music that has a heart worship. They will use primarily contemporary music that most likely brings an emotional and self-feelings worship. It brings body motion. In addition, our classical music is going away. These will very likely happen when the older people die and/or the younger people growing up who like the contemporary music become the vast majority. ●74

Because our churches are becoming immature with a loss and plateau of biblical knowledge, the numbers of our gung ho and very faithful in time will greatly decrease. This leads to less of God's work being accomplished, and thus, bringing less glory to God. We are going down hill fast. It is a church and family leadership problem.

We are headed in a direction that in time, if we are not there now, very few if any, will know God's Word and be able to teach it in any depth-breadth. Very few will know how to witness the Gospel or think to do it. This is a current Church leadership problem. Is judgment coming? It looks like if.

But we personally do not have to stay there. Our Lord willing, I am not going to.

SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT TRENDS, ACTIONS, AND OUR MAJOR CONCERNS

(Many of these taken from the many references)

The trends, actions, and major concerns of the Church Growth Movement in summary include:

● In a compromised spiritual life, our churches are going to mainly first-level Bible training without also training in depth-breadth with a version of God's Whole Counsel. Thus, believers are not being adequately matured in Christ-likeness that is needed for eternity so they can know and relate to God toward His fullest. Believers are not being informed, prepared, and readied for the soon-coming endtimes Tribulation. **Youth are being drawn more by the experience of rock music and listening to teaching that gets their felt needs met. They are not being drawn by the depth of God's Word to be people of God, living holy and righteously, carrying out ministry and His entire will, and wanting to know and relate to Him toward His fullness.**

74. **MUSIC:** Observation shows that primarily mainly the older people attend classical musicals, hymn sings, and traditional church services with the hymns. After a few years go by, these will be things of the past, except as individuals keep recordings.

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● The movement's main problem is that our churches are going their own way, instead of only God's. They lack discernment that they have departed from God's Greatness and His best. Churches are working all things together for good, instead of trusting only God to do it. These are true even though our churches want to do right and are doing some good things with some good results. They now do not appear to know and/or are not committed to all that God wants done. Our churches most likely want to do right in their hearts (we all do), but they are going largely their own way, not being committed adequately to Bible doctrine and not having adequate fear of God. They are acting partly under their own authority and headship instead of only under God's - doing what is right according to their own eyes. Churches are using the world's rock music that impedes intellectual understanding, dulls the spiritual senses, and brings addiction of immorality and other aspects to young people. It is doubtful that such music brings adequate (if any) worship to God. Does it instead bring some worship to Satan? It is helping the Church people to fall away by impeding spiritual growth. **Why is this Church Growth Movement happening?**

● **These church characteristics are SYMPTOMS of at least four recognized CAUSES. These recognized causes of the symptomatic actions, in addition to lacking spiritual discernment, are that churches (as previously introduced and presented in detail later):** (1) have lost sense of God's Greatness to search out all of what He wants done and accomplish it with excellence and commitment;(2) do not recognize that the skill level of our spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness can be fixed forever at death and that it is needed to know and relate to God toward His fulness in eternity;(3) do not understand and recognize the spiritual warfare objectives and strategies such that they do not realize that by dumbing down and using rock type music, they are implementing satanic strategy; and (4) are not doing the critical analysis required to determine how effective are their ministries, to know and recognize the signs of the soon-coming Tribulation, and look ahead to see what is coming and make needed changes.

(Have these churches, In a sense, lost their first love, not doing all that God wants done? Are they becoming lukewarm?)

Our church do not realize or understand that apart from knowing and relating to God according to His perfect ways such as recorded in the Bible, there is nothing. Thus, they do not search the Bible for all He wants done so they can know Him in His depth-breadth. They instead work on the level with man.

● **Our churches have their priorities inverted. They are working with a much higher priority with new people than they are working with their own. They are working for numbers, instead of maturity in Christ-likeness. It is like a father evangelizing the community without working to mature His own family. Who and what are driving this movement? To some degree, all churches in history may have these problems. *But now the situation is being overtly planned, without realizing the harmful consequences.* It is a movement going world wide.**

● The result of the dumbing down of our Church and public high-school youth is that they are growing up without the knowledge and ability to do critical analysis to know what is happening when the endtimes come. This is satanic strategy to bring a massive falling away from the Christian faith in the Tribulation.

● The overall situation and falling away is a definite precursor sign of the soon-coming endtimes Tribulation. ***Many-many doctrines teach clearly the Church will go through the Tribulation.***●75

75. **ENDTIMES TRIBULATION AND RAPTURE:** Our churches have many views about as to whether or not the Church will go through the endtimes Tribulation. I have studied the situation in depth-breadth using a new (continued...)

This current falling away is one cause of its coming.

● **WATCHMAN WARNING: The Tribulation is coming.** As a result of the falling away, God is bringing discipline on the church. He will permit the world government to make war with the Church. Leadership should now do a critical analysis of their own situation and urgently make needed and important changes while one still can before the Tribulation comes. **Whatever the past and the present, work now to have the best future under God that one can have. What matters most is where we are headed and are becoming. But, how much time do we have left to make changes before the calamity of the endtimes Tribulation comes?** But having fallen away, do churches have the discernment to know the situation and how to make changes? Without discernment, many most likely will not change. Their people will be caught blind-sided and unprepared when the Tribulation's calamity comes. In the Tribulation, believers will not know or be able to determine what is happening. A massive falling away will most likely occur under the coming persecution with much of the Church dumbed down. Church people may not have God's desired maturity. **Will not leadership be judged?**

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approach of beginning with God's Plan for history and showing how prophecy fits into its end phase. I have written reports presenting many-many doctrines that show conclusively the Church's Rapture and Resurrection occur at our Lord's Second Coming after the Tribulation. All believers are changed in resurrection at one time in the twinkling of an eye. Christ comes **WITH** and **FOR** His saints at the same time after the Tribulation. The Rapture can come only after all the people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal binding decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel. **These reports are on my web site and many are referenced at this report's end. I can e-mail reports to you.** Consider these Scriptures as sample teachings:

Mark 13:24-27 - "But in those days, after that tribulation, then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth (for the saints), to the farthest end of heaven (with the saints).

*1 Corinthians 15:22-23 - For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, **after that those who are Christ's at His coming,***

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised (in resurrection) imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Matthew 13:29-30 - "But he said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them.' Allow both to grow together until the (single) harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn." " "

(The wheat (the Church) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until after the tares are completely bundled for the Lake of Fire which happens in the endtimes Tribulation under the Mark of the Beast. The wheat is harvested first followed by the soon destruction of the tares at Christ's Second Coming. There is only one harvest. This comes at Christ's Second Coming.)

.SAINTS IN REVELATION: The book of Revelation teaches that there are many "saints" in the Tribulation. The epistles use the word "saints" for the Church. Thus, the Church, as Christ's single body, will be in Revelation's Tribulation. The wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) **until after** the tares are bundled for the fire (judgment). This bundling is completed by the end of the Tribulation.

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● In the Tribulation, the government will make war with the Church, our children and youth will be satanically indoctrinated, and many believers will be martyred. Those in the movement, not knowing doctrine, can go with the new world government religion due to their lack of discernment.

● ***It is most critical that churches and fathers now urgently train their children and youth to become mature in Christ-likeness, readying them for eternity and the coming Tribulation.***

● ***We all should personally pursue maturity, do God's work and best, regardless of what our churches are or are not doing. This is what I am doing. At the same time, I am watching the trends and taking in information from others.***

Our main concern is that Christians, particularly our children and youth, are not being matured in Christ. They are not knowing doctrine that is needed for life, and knowing and relating to God toward His fullest, both now but especially for eternity. We are concerned they are not being taught sufficiently about endtimes prophecy so they will know what is happening and why when the Tribulation comes so they, at that time, will stand strong without falling away. They need to know that Christ will one day come to take them to be with Him. Should we not be thankful to God that we exist, and thus, seek to know and relate to God as much as we can, but only according to His ways? Apart from knowing and relating to God in His depth-breadth, there is nothing.

In principle, this movement, perhaps without intention, in different ways, serves God and man (and Satan). This is being double minded. It is wanting to serve God using the world's, not the Bible's, methods. We must now move away from serving man to a full service to God, doing what He commands.

James 4:8 - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

REPEATING FOR EMPHASIS: We, particularly in our younger people, are heading devastatingly to become an immature Church with a loss of our biblical intellect. Our Bible knowledge and knowing God's greater will is ailing. Fewer and fewer of our younger people know or can teach the Bible in any depth-breadth, particularly the doctrines. ●76 Fewer people now know Bible prophecy. After a few years pass and the older people die who know doctrine and sing the hymns? Our young people are being taken over by homework, living, ipods, and computer games.

The Church Growth Movement appears to be that which, from our perspective, most likely can only be displeasing to God. *One would think that all Christians would want to know all about God in His depth-breadth and have great fellowship with Him and each other. But what are we doing and seeking?*

Why do churches dumb down? One should want Christ to direct everything. What else is

76. **RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIANS:** Many who recognize the situation and wanting God's best are studying on their own. They are getting augmentation teaching such as in Bible Study Fellowship and Precepts Ministries. They are learning much by teaching in Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Some are doing studies on line and are ordering studies on line. Many are reading books. This is what I am doing. I do not depend upon the Church to teach and train me adequately. If I get something, it is a plus.

there? ●77 Is Christ directing this movement? It does not look like it. Whether or not it is of God, it appears that He is using its falling away to bring the endtimes and history's termination.

But to us, it is at least a movement headed away and departing from God's best. It impedes maximum spiritual growth and training people to do area-wide evangelism. It is difficult to find a Church today that teaches in depth-breadth verse by verse expository preaching and teaching with applications and uses the hymns. ●78 Expository, verse by verse, preaching has become a lost art.

DETAILED SUMMARY OF MANY ACTIONS OUR CHURCHES ARE USING IN THE MODERN CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT

(Taken from the many references and showing what is happening)

Our churches have common and individual characteristics. Many have good teaching and fellowship and are training their youth. But the trends are going away from these to pabulum teaching with little Bible content and are searching for the unchurched. From the internet literature and the listed references, Seeker-Friendly and Emerging churches (not all churches) are doing the following to some degree (churches are doing some different things, but most, appear to have lost an appreciation for God's Greatness): ●79

● Many of our churches are abandoning good Bible doctrine and its absolutes in order to gain human relationships.

● Churches are working to draw young people by teaching what is friendly to man and in a friendly way, meeting their felt needs, from the pulpit and in home community groups. They are using the world's loud syncopated rock-type repetitive beat contemporary music. ●80 Thus, they are going with many of man's ways and methods. They have gone to the way of the world, some now only having a form of godliness, even though God's Word is being taught from the pulpit. But His Word being taught in a user-friendly basis without its depth-breadth, even though much of it is good teaching. **The**

77. **ALTERNATIVELY:** But on the other hand, God may be using, not leading, these churches to lead some youth to Himself because otherwise, they may never come to Christ. The youth may be gaining some maturity, that which only is available to them at their obedience and discernment level. At least some of them are being saved. We have to be careful here, because the end does not justify the means. We should not expect God to use unholy and carnal means to bring holy results. Thus, He may use the dumbed down teaching, but most likely not the rock music.

78. **HYMNS:** Most likely most reformed and brethren churches will stick with the hymns.

79. **ALTERNATIVES:** Some churches have both: (1) a traditional service with the organ and the piano with the hymns and a choir and also (2) a contemporary service using contemporary and rock music with a worship team using drums and guitars. These churches generally use the same first-level preaching in both services. Under today's culture, this may be one best way to go. But it would be better to have a different more in-depth-breadth sermon in the traditional service.

80. **CONSERVATIVE TRADITIONAL PREACHING AND MUSIC:** It is now becoming harder and harder to find churches that now sing the hymns. It is hard to find churches that teach God's Word in depth-breadth in a version of God's Whole Counsel. Expository preaching verse by verse has gone from most everywhere. Some churches have two services: one with the hymns and one with contemporary music. This can be needed, though it certainly is not God's best. It is compromise. We should have unity with God in everything.

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least common denominator of people is being targeted. Church spiritual growth is greatly limited regardless of the numbers attending. Churches are more concerned about the nourishment of the feelings of individuals using loud contemporary music than more about adoring and worshiping God based on what the Bible says about them. (Thus, then are they not attempting to please people more than they are bringing proper worship to please God?)

In the Church Growth Movement people go to Church for the experience and to get their felt needs met more than for true worship. They, as it appears to us, come more for the music than to gain changed lives by hearing and applying God's Word. (Of course there are exceptions.)

In our churches, substance has been replaced by shadow. Content is out, style is in. Meaning is out. Method is in. Churches in a sense look right, but they bear but little spiritual weight. There is a decreasing emphasis on preaching in depth-breadth with an increasing emphasis on entertainment and making people feel good. It is to have the love of God and fellowship with other believers without the negatives. The love people want is the love they receive from people, not the Bible's love that lives in sacrificial service. To be loved, one needs first to love demonstrated by sacrificial service. The principle is:

1 John 4:19 - We love, because He first loved us.

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

This leaves the Christian untrained, unable to discern (do critical analysis), and left most ignorant and non discerning of the dangers around him. It leaves him as a sitting duck so to speak at the actions of the coming world government. A sense of holiness and righteousness is leaving the churches. Dumbing down leads to carnal life styles without knowing much about the depths of God and His directed ways. This, however, is not in all churches. Of course, there generally some good being accomplished in most churches that believe Christ's true Gospel.

● They are using non-threatening methods and content to make young people feel comfortable. They, using rock music, are using music to which the people listen outside the Church in order to draw them into the church meetings.

● They, In signs and advertising, use the world's marketing techniques. They work to meet temporal needs instead of eternal needs.

● They are using mainly first-level training leaving out negative confrontation such as divine discipline for sin, Hell, and the Lake of Fire. Churches act so as to offend no one - even with God's Word. They are not teaching God's Whole Counsel - the way things are.

● ***They do not understand that our spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness can be fixed at death. In any case, they do not obey (and/or ignore) God's command to pursue maturity.*** (How many of us are seeking maturity, not just spiritual growth?)

● They do not understand that music is not neutral or amoral. Rock music has led many into immorality and many other addictions. It has been used in some countries by which to call up demons. As stated, its source is voodooism, immorality, and paganism. It has a basis of desensitizing people to the Holy Spirit. It reduces intellectual thinking. Thus, its use can destroy the holiness and obedience in the Church. The result is less obedience to God and to the carrying out of His work. This can only greatly please Satan. So why use it?

● They have a form of worldliness, caring more about success in numbers and finances than maturity, faithfulness, and holiness.

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- They use several paraphrased versions of the Bible (instead of good translations) to have easier-to-read and understand; even though they have much translation error. People can draw wrong conclusions.
- They are helping people to gain love and connection with other Christians in priority over an in depth-breadth training for walking with God and becoming more mature in Christ needed for eternity. The latter results in not maturing in Christ (unless people study on their own as I am doing.)
- They have gone to community groups that have horizontal sharing but without a needed vertical teaching and discipling which is much more effective. The in-depth teaching by a teacher is generally not used. They use facilitation for making change. Horizontal training generally cannot bring maximum maturity because the immaturity and error as shared by the participants. It is generally minus the needed and mature in-depth-breadth training and mature understanding of Scripture. It is minus a deep and intimate relationship with Christ and God.
- ***“America is now operating as if the Christian Church did not exist. The Church has but little impact on the direction of the nation.”*** Quotes from John Whitehead in *Truth Under Fire*.
- They, rather than have a good in depth Bible study, are asking young people how do you feel about this? What do you think? They are looking for self- rather than God-realization. They want things in the terms of man, not in the terms of God. They want their felt needs met. They are not so much asking what the Bible teaches and what God thinks, even though they do this also.
- They are more concerned about reaching many new young people as a higher priority over caring for their own people. If we do not care for our own people we can be, as the Bible teaches, like or worse than unbelievers (infidels). **It, as stated, is like a father working in the community to witness the Gospel to others without also and at a higher priority training his own family.** Is this not in principle what our churches are doing?

REALIZATION AND INTENT: Our churches, without doubt, want to do right before God. We all do. In our perception, churches are doing a dumbing down without the realization, discernment, or the intent they are not fulfilling God's greater will. It may not be wrong to dumb down as long as churches are also teaching in depth-breadth to mature their people in Christ-likeness and working to do area-wide evangelism. What is wrong is their using rock type music. They are doing some evangelism, but they also must work to evangelize their entire local areas, particularly to evangelize the children and the youth. ●81 being disobedience to God, is causing the Tribulation to come - believers will go through the Tribulation.

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GOD'S PURPOSES FOR HIS CHURCH

(Has not the Church Growth Movement departed from most of these?)

GOD'S OBJECTIVE AND METHODS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVE: What is God's

81. **COMMENT:** What draws me to a church is the in depth-breadth training that has both the academic and practical. They share testimony that and how the Word with its procedures work. It allows me to know and relate to God in all aspects of life. This training I need for maximum, not for some, spiritual growth. The Church needs to have good worship in the Church services using the hymns. Why go to a Church that has training for only limited growth and poor or inadequate true worship. Today, these good churches are most difficult to find, if one can find one. ***Today, one has to go to the best one can find. This is not desirable. Another alternative is to start our own home Church.*** Some people are doing this.

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objective for people? What are God's methods to implement His objective? God's method to implement His objective for people is they first become a Christian and, thereafter, become mature in a high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. ●82 This mature spiritual capability is needed so His objective can be achieved. ***This is that they can relate to and know God in His depth-breadth living according to His perfect ways and truth in close fellowship Him throughout eternity. Apart from this relationship there is nothing.***

We have spiritual maturity when God directs us in every thought and action and we respond by faith that He is leading us, obeying this direction, and our response is from our love of Him, so that we obey the instructions and commandments He is giving us. In this, we are not taking any independent action. Thus, when others see us, they see Him, because we, from ourselves as a source, are doing nothing. More on this later. ***God has designed us as believers in Christ's Cross that Christ would be in us, living out His life through us. Christ is our life. We can only be free from sin when our perfect God directs every aspect of our lives, working all things together for good. We are inherently unable to do so.***

Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

The Church Growth Movement, by their actions, has no or very little understanding of these concepts. The movement does not understand the mature Christian life and the penalties if one does not have one and live it. We can do nothing spiritually apart from Christ and God. The Church Growth Movement is going on their own. If we are to be successful and mature in God, we must cease from all independent action apart from Him. ●83

John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

In summary (God's Purposes and Plan for us):

1. **God's Goal or Objective:** That we, as believers, in eternity can know and relate to Him in His depth-breadth. We can live holy and righteously according to His perfect Truth in His Glory. We can live by sacrificial love and by faith in close fellowship with Him and each other as He reveals more and more of Himself as eternity continues.

Phillippians 3:10 - that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

2. **God's Method to Be Able to Accomplish His Goal and Objective:** In order to be able to know and relate to God toward His fulness, we need a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness

82. **REFERENCES FOR GAINING SPIRITUAL MATURITY:** Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 3:19; 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 6:1; 11:35; James 1:2-4.

83. **CHOICE OF A CHURCH:** One should look for a Church whose elders and pastors operate only under the authority of God and His Bible (the Lordship of Christ) and do not add their own ideas for direction. The Church should have at her first priority in ministry to mature her own people at the highest skill levels of spiritual ability in Christ-likeness to the degree that they understand.

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in relationship living patterned after Christ's walk with the Father. We are to gain this maturity now such that we live with every thought and action for direction coming from the Father. Then God will be God all in all. Thus, He works all together for good. ●84

We must live by faith that we are thinking and doing is coming from God. We will respond to keep His commandments from our love for Him, not as robots. This means that we can respond to more mature leading of God if we have a more mature love. We can gain more revelation and believe more of what God wants us to do, if we live by more mature faith. These must be developed now before we die.

There are apparently many maturity levels of living by love and of living by faith.

This means we will walk by strong faith in God to fulfill His promises. Then we will live without sin and gain needed revelation from God. It means we will live by sacrificial love keeping God's commandments to live holy (no immorality) and to know His heart. There other teachings involved.

3. **The Church's Goal and Objective:** Accomplish God's Method to be able to Accomplish His Goal and Objective.
4. **The Church's Method (Ministry to Gain Maturity):** Train believers in depth-breadth with a version of God's Whole Counsel with the academic and the practical (application) to become mature in:(1) worshiping, glorifying, obeying, pleasing, and honoring God; (2) living a godly life in unity head-subordinate relationships, patterned after our Lord's walk with His Father using faith and sacrificial love; (3) helping to evangelize complete local and foreign areas, discipling Christians to maturity in Christ, planting new churches, building godly families, and reaching out to the needy; and (4) learn, know, and stand strong on the basic and fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith including the Attributes of God. This is so we will depend upon God to lead us in every thought and action. We will do nothing apart from Him. (We are not just to work to make disciples with Christian growth and to evangelize only part of our area - it is to gain maturity and to evangelize the "entire" area.)

We are to train to walk as Christ walked. We are to be outcome, not just method or procedure oriented.

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

How did He walk? ●85

John 5:19 - "the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

(Thus, we are to live only by what comes from God the Father as a source. Today that would be only what is in the Bible and as the Holy Spirit leads us in specific ways to work toward doing the direction of the Father.)

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When we live this way, people will not see us, but instead only God the Father. This is because we are doing nothing from ourselves as a source. This is how our Lord lives.

John 14:9-11 - Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'? "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves.

What is the measure of our maturity?

Or maturity is and can only be measured by God. ***Because we are to walk as our Lord walks, the degree or measure of our maturity is how we respond to God the Father (everything coming from Him as a source) in all aspects of life in comparison to how our Lord, being perfect in every aspect, would act, if He were to act in our place.*** It is how we live by faith and sacrificial love. We would regularly pursue doing all that God wants us to do and avoid doing what He does not want us to do. We would be searching the Scriptures for all that God wants us to do and we would be doing it. We would not be taken in by wrong doctrine or compromise. We would be working to rid ourselves of bad and sinful habits. This is a growth process. There are many maturity levels.

God commands us as the Church to pursue maturity in Christ with a version of God's Whole Counsel. It should not mainly teach only the basics as the Church Growth Movement is doing. To teach only the basics is disobedience to God and His Word.

Hebrews 6:1 - .Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity,

God's purpose for the Church is to mature their people to the full stature of Christ and prepare them for God's work. The apostle Paul stated we must teach God's Whole Counsel. Thus, we are to teach and train with all, not just part, of the Bible.

Ephesians 4:11-13 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Acts 20:26-27 - .Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God (God's Whole Counsel).

These Scriptures teach we are to train for maturity in Christ using much, not some, of the Bible. We are not just to remain at first-level teaching. Being mature we will not be misled and/or deceived others as is happening now in the Church Growth Movement.

Ephesians 4:14 - As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

We need to realize that if we have good teaching such as in weekly sermons, and the Sunday School, but in a reasonable time if they do not cover a major portion of God's Whole Counsel in regard to basic beliefs and Christian living, we are not maturing our people. This is particularly true if we train with the what to's (knowledge and content oriented) without also with the how to's (application with personal testimony of worship, life, and ministry in Christ orientation that the principles work.)

This limited-scope teaching of the Church Growth Movement is a form of subtracting from Scripture that our Lord warns not to do? It is not enduring sound doctrine. Our churches are departing from the God's authority to man's. We are to teach all of Scripture - a version of God's Whole Counsel. Not working to teach all of Scripture is major sin, and it brings damage to God's people. (This is what the Church Growth Movement is doing.)

Revelation 22:19 - and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - .All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (So why are we not using all of it?)

Our Lord said that He glorified His Father because He accomplished all the work that His Father gave Him to do. We should do likewise, being told to walk as He walked. But we to know what that work is.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

1 John 2:6 - He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Should we not want to do all of His works that He gives us so we can bring much glory to God? Can we not glorify Him more if we train to and become more mature in Christ? ***We glorify God only when we obey what He has given to us to obey and/or to accomplish..***

Thus, by not maturing their people, are not leaders impeding their people from bringing more glory to God as well as keeping them in immaturity, not knowing and relating to God as much? (We must glorify God also to live holy lives without sin. We then are to focus on His will and not on our own.)●86

God warns us not to be captive by and use the world's ways. But this is what our churches are doing by using the world's music, dumbing down their training, and using the world's marketing methods. Thus, the movement, although doing some good, is a departure from God's ways and His best. Is it then not a form of an apostate movement?

Colossians 2:8 - See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception,

86. **EXAMPLE:** The concept is like the ballerina looking to her teacher for approval of her performance before she takes her bow. Did she do sufficiently what her teacher wanted?

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according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ (meaning according to the Bible).

Galatians 3:3 - Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

James 4:4 - You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Implementing these to some degree, the way of the Church Growth Movement is a departure from an intimate relationship with Christ. We are losing a close fellowship with Him where He, not man, directs everything. To correct things, we need to understand: (1) People come to God by His working in them as He uses the preaching of His Word in love taught without compromise; (2) We, in the Church, are to grow up with spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness based on God's Whole Counsel as the main priority of the Church, not just work for some spiritual growth and for numbers; and (3) People grow by learning and living out God's Word, not by listening to music. We are to have a personal testimony before the people. God uses His Word to bring faith, not listening to music. Although melody dominate hymns with much Bible content can draw people. We come to God when we learn of His Greatness, the benefits if we do, and the penalties if we do not. We come when we learn of His love and how we are to live by love, His love working in us. Preaching the Word is God's way. Using rock music is man's way. We are to trust God, using His Word, to draw people, not music.●87

We come to God when we see our emptiness and the life He offers us in Christ. We come to God when we see that life from ourselves does not make any sense. We come to God when we see the eternal results and consequences. We come to God to gain God's life in us that overcomes our death.

Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

John 6:44 - "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

By not adequately obeying the above Scriptures, those Churches in the Church Growth Movement have a major departure from the true Christian faith.●88 Our churches in time, as the current youth become the majority, as stated several times, are becoming immature with a loss of biblical intellect and with a plateau of biblical knowledge. The numbers and percentages of our gung ho and very faithful are reducing. Are we there now? Are not those churches, departing from teaching most of God's Word, becoming lukewarm? Our churches need a sufficient training curriculum that is worship, godly life, ministry and doctrine oriented taken from God's Whole Counsel. How many churches have one or have access to one? Does your church have one? Does mine?

87. MY TESTIMONY: I came to God because He was drawing me. What I was doing was not working. But somehow (Romans 1:19, 20; 2:14-16), I knew the answer was with God and His Bible. So I sought out a person who could tell me the truth of life as presented in the Bible. He shared the Gospel with me.

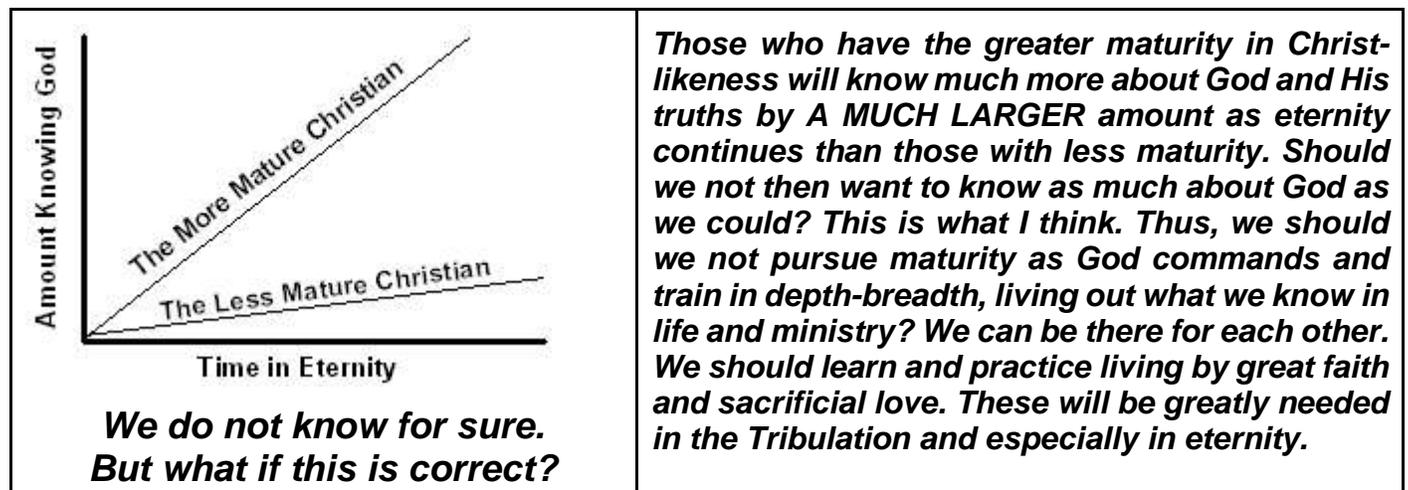
88. RESULT: The above wrong practices result in not adequately maturing their people in Christ needed for eternity. It results in doing insufficient **local** area-wide evangelism, even though many individuals and churches are doing evangelism. They particularly are not adequately training and evangelizing the children and the youth.

IMPORTANCE OF MATURITY DEVELOPMENT

God will bring us individually to the maturity level to which we are obedient and respond to His teaching and leading in the environment of the trials, testings, and temptations we experience. If we learn much and respond to Him in a maximum way, He will lead us to have greater maturity in Christ-likeness. ***We will know more of Him in His depth-breadth throughout eternity.*** But on the other hand, if we teach mostly first-level without the applications and we respond little to obey what we know, we will most likely gain but minimum maturity in the Lord. ***We will know less of Him and glorify Him less.***

The Bible does not teach whether or not our maturity will or will not increase in eternity. God leaves the situation as a matter of faith. God commands us to mature. And much biblical data , presented later, leads to the potential that our maturity can be fixed forever at death. God is fair and not partial, but He does not promise equality, even though that may be a human desire.

Many people in the world have never heard the Gospel or even now if there is one. They may never hear. But those who will respond, if they should hear it, will hear it. We have children who die at an early age, some not Christians, and most as believers not reaching maximum spiritual maturity. We have different punishments in the Lake for unbelievers. They are judged for their works. There are different amounts of rewards for works given in heaven. There will be different levels in a chain of command in heaven, and most likely many maturity levels.(Parable: Some will rule over 10 cities and some over 5.)●89 ***Whether or not we understand, it appears most strongly that Christians will have different maturity levels in heaven.***



89. **PARABLE:** Luke 19:15-19 - "And it came about that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him in order that he might know what business they had done. "And the first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.' "And the second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.' "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

Thus, by not pursuing and gaining a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness, we will learn less of Him throughout eternity. Apart from knowing and relating to Him in His depth-breadth, there is nothing. And He is inexhaustible in His Greatness. It appears to be a most terrible mistake not to gain the maximum maturity that God offers and commands we pursue so we can know Him to the ultimate so to speak. God commands us to pursue maturity for whatever reason He may have. ●90

NEEDED BACKGROUND APPROACH UNDERSTANDING THAT HELPS US TO SELECT (DETERMINE) AND CARRY OUT GOD'S FULL INTENDED WILL

BASIC UNDERSTANDING: We are not to be satisfied with having mainly the rudiments of a church service with good music and a good sermon, a Sunday School, and buildings free from debt. **We are in business to bring great worship to God, mature our people in Christ at the maximum level as described above, and train our people to do foreign and local AREA-WIDE evangelism. We need to know how to trust God so as to live without sin and receive more revelation from Him. We need to live by sacrificial love to know God and His heart and abide in Him. It is necessary to live holy and righteously. Many, if not most, Christians most likely have not had God use them to lead another person to Christ. Have you led a person to Christ? Many of us have.**

NEEDED APPROACH: As a young person growing up, I was taught to always work for excellence in everything. I was taught to always work to make my boss and head and those under me successful and to ensure the job specifications and objectives were being achieved. If I was accomplishing these, then I was successful. I have tried to follow this teaching through the years as a worker in industry. So I have been trained to think in these terms.

As a satellite system's design engineer, when I was given a new job, I wrote on one sheet of paper ALL the things that were associated with and were necessary to accomplish the job and implement the specifications AS DIRECTED BY MY BOSS AND OUR CUSTOMER. I asked others for their inputs. Then I selected the system elements that were needed to make the system work and implement the intended specifications. I would study all the things and operating capabilities necessary to make the engineering system work. I would choose the key tasks and place all the other items under these tasks. I ordered the tasks with schedules to allow us as workers to complete the job on schedule and to have a completed and finished, working product that meets and implements **ALL** the required specifications. This procedure allowed me to accomplish the entire job in front of me and meet the customers requirements. I, thus, worked both as a system and a project engineer. ***When working the job, I worked to make my boss (and customer) and those under me successful as we worked together to execute the job tasks. The boss got his job accomplished and the workers gained experience.*** I had the scope of the entire job in hand and in mind. When I did these,

90. TODAY'S SITUATION: In today's environment and circumstances, where people will hardly respond to God and where we might have to use rock type music to draw the youth, they most likely will gain much less maturity. But under today's sinful circumstances, this may be the maximum maturity they can have in spiritual growth. It is certainly better to be a Christian going to heaven and have but limited maturity and know some of God than not to be a Christian without any maturity by which to know God and go to the Lake of Fire. Only God knows the situation and the hearts of the people. So in our present sinful environment with its worldly trends, the Church Growth Movement may have some value, but certainly far from God's best. But what if God's best is not achievable to very many now except for a very few gung ho and very faithful?

then I was successful.

CHURCHES SHOULD MAKE A WRITTEN PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE NEEDED APPROACH: As Church leaders, we need to seek out from only the Bible ALL of God's will for the Church's direction with excellence and commitment. Thus, as a principle and an approach, our churches should search the entire Bible and write on a piece of paper EVERYTHING that God (our Boss) wants accomplished and to the scope and to the degree, extent, and methods (specifications) He wants it accomplished. The plan should include tasks, schedules, and names of workers. This takes time, but it should be done. If we are to mature our people as God leads, we need to find all those things that the Bible teaches are necessary to accomplish the entire or overall job that God places before us in His Word

Churches, from God's overall direction, should establish a training curriculum founded on a version of God's Whole Counsel and make plans●91 and select tasks to implement all of His objectives and requirements with excellence and commitment. This training curriculum should include both the academic and, very importantly, the practical (how we do things). **They should use nothing else for direction.** God's method and choice of music needs to be determined. It is not contemporary rock.

Each teaching or task has a depth-breadth. We must understand the scope and intent of what He wants done. As part of the tasks and training, we need to have some form of on-the-job training. Thus, part of what we write must include how to practice and implement carrying out the teachings and principles. We can and should seek inputs and insights from others as they see the Bible teaches. We then, having the intended scope of our job defined, should develop from the Bible a written curriculum that allows us both academically and in practice to achieve the training as God works in us. We should determine how we will teach the curriculum such as in sermons, the Sunday School, and seminars. **We should determine the priority time wise (make a schedule) of when we do things. We may need to sequence ministries time wise. We should warn and inform about the soon-coming Tribulation.**

This curriculum needs to be worship, life, ministry, and Christian-Faith Doctrines oriented. Refer to the suggested curriculum presented later. We definitely need contextual knowledge for background and understanding, (but this should not be the main goal). We can perish without having knowledge (Job 36:12). But we need love with the knowledge or we are nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Our walk in love relationships with God in a close and intimate fellowship is our key objective. We need to do this to the degree that we understand. We should pray for more insight along the pathway of life, keep checking with others for inputs, and with new and greater insight, update our plans and training.

Then they should work to fulfill His objectives in obedience as He leads us (making Him as our boss successful). The Church's (our) first priority in living is to obey God as our head and boss. In doing this, they should train their people to be mature in Christ, walking with God, and helping to accomplish His work, particularly that of evangelism and discipling to maturity in Christ. This makes those under

91. **PLANS:** We can make plans as to how we will carry out God's direction. But then we need to trust God to bring the results.

Proverbs 16:9 - The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

us successful with God.●92 Those under us are to be high priority, but secondary to God as our head. **The people under us can be the most successful only if we are training them with ALL THAT GOD, AS OUR HEAD, WANTS DONE. Do we know what that is?**

We are successful as we obey God to accomplish all that He wants done (He is successful using us) and we train our people to worship, live a godly life, accomplish ministry, and know, believe, and stand strong on Christian-Faith Doctrines (they are successful and gain experience).

Living out the situation is three fold. First all of the objectives and what is to be done must come **only** from God as only recorded in His Holy Bible. **Second**, we then develop tasks and plans using all the Bible's inputs for how we are to carry out these God directed tasks. These plans then activate or embrace God's objectives. Our actions activates our faith in God to bring the results. And **Third**, we must trust God, not ourselves, to work all things together for good and bring the results. We must let go and let God. We must die to self and let God work, allowing Him, not ourselves, to work all things together for good.

Becoming mature, being a growth process, can take a long time, even a lifetime. The Church can provide many or most of the teachings and training that allow maturity to occur. They can provide on-the-job training ministry opportunities. People need to do home work and studying on their own. They have to be part of the training and solution. They need to apply the teachings and trainings to their own lives and allow God to mold and change them. There can be sharing times that help express their hearts and what they discovered.

What we must keep in mind, we are not discipling mainly for spiritual growth (as method), even though that is of course involved and necessary. We are instead working for a result (or outcome) of reaching a high-skill mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness. We are to be outcome oriented. Thus, we need to have an overall curriculum that can make and allow gaining maximum maturity to happen - to the degree that we can understand. It should include a version of God's Whole Counsel. We are not talking only about having a few courses that help our spiritual Christian growth. Instead, we are to be outcome oriented using a complete curriculum (a version of God's Whole Counsel that covers all the aspects), not method oriented, even though we use methods. As we learn more we can update and modify our curriculums.

ADEQUATE TRAINING: If I were to choose a college, I would choose one that had all four years, not just one year of training. I would choose one that had a masters and phd program. **So why choose a Church that has only first-level training? Doing so, one only impedes and plateaus one's growth, experience, and knowledge, unless one study on his own. This is what I do and have**

92 **GOOD SERMONS:** Many times our churches have good sermons, But if, over time, they do not teach the entire or needed curriculum in the pulpit or anywhere in the Church, we will not gain the needed maturity. Some churches have good Bible surveys, but they do not teach adequately the principles for how we live the Christian life and do not train their people to do evangelism, especially including the children and youth. The Church people are inadequately being nurtured and matured. Churches, in general, work for some Christian growth, but do not mature their people. **Their goal is to make disciples, but not mature disciples. Both should be accomplished.**

So, just having good weekly sermons does not necessarily get the job done.

done, for a long time generally by necessity.

I would want to attend a church that has God's best in full training of God's Whole Counsel and where people were living out that training in life and in ministry. It is a Church where her people have testimony of living out the principles, demonstrating they work. I would choose one which was using the training to have great worship of God in the Church services and where there is great evidence of the Holy Spirit in worship and ministry (we are not talking about tongues and emotional movement). We must choose to go all the way with God. This requires constant learning and application under the leading of God and as He works in us. We cannot grow apart from God working in us.

It helps to make five commitments before the Lord:

1. Go all the way with God even if no one else does.
2. Use only the Bible for direction and faith.
3. Restore any broken fellowships, if you can, before going to bed.
4. Present yourself daily to God as instruments of righteousness and as living sacrifices.
5. From the Bible, learn as much as one can about God, His Plan, the Christian Life, and His Word: implement the learning with excellence and commitment. One can read and study the works of others as they present their insights of the Scriptures.

DETAILED DISCUSSION: THE FOUR CAUSES (SOURCES) OF THE SYMPTOMS ●93 FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHURCHES (OUR PERCEPTION)

DISCUSSION: Today, from our observation of the Church Growth Movement, there are four major causes or sources of its major spiritual symptomatic problems in our churches. These are in addition to being short on having discernment and overall doctrinal understanding of the Scriptures. In many cases, there may not be actual salvation. Many teach love, as does the liberal unbelieving church. But it does not have salvation.

These four and other symptomatic problems deter our walk with God and the carrying out His work and will more fully. This situation is true even though our churches can be doing some good things and having some good results, but mainly at the beginning spiritual level.●94 The

93. INTERCHANGE WITH A FRIEND: The understanding of these four causes, as we perceived and understood them, resulted from a detailed discussion and interchange with a close friend.

94. EXAMPLES: Examples of inadequate objectives would be to work for spiritual growth instead of for maximum maturity and doing some evangelism instead of working to evangelize complete local areas. This is to work using simplified world methods that draw people instead of drawing people with God's Word - thus saith the Lord with using needed preaching and teaching. They are using many versions of paraphrased Bibles instead of the accurate King James and the New American Standard Bibles. They are using methods to reach
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key is - are our churches carrying out and implementing what God has entrusted to them? Do they actually have salvation? What about your and my Church?

THE FOUR CAUSES:

● **CAUSE-SOURCE # ONE: CHURCHES DO NOT APPRECIATE GOD'S GREATNESS AND HIS ABSOLUTES AND TO LIVE ONLY UNDER HIS AUTHORITY; THEY ARE TRUSTING THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF GOD TO WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD**

(This can be our greatest problem, and it appears that our leaders may not be sufficiently mature in Christ; we can all have this problem to some extent.):

GREATNESS OF GOD: God has infinite ability and perfection and is perfectly complete in every possible correct attribute and character quality that exists. He is perfect, holy, righteous, and true. He has absolute and all knowledge, infinite power, and is completely sovereign. He has self existence, and deals with billions of people and angels all at the same time. He has created an infinite universe and things on earth with intricacy. There is no other God. Just studying His attributes shows His perfection and Greatness. (His attributes are available on my web site under Training.) He has put everything in the Bible we need now to know about and how to relate to Him. We must by necessity search out everything He has planned for our direction and life pursuit with excellence and commitment. We need not and should not make up our own direction for our churches and families.

APPRECIATION: *Our churches have lost knowing or have never known God Greatness with excellence. They do not appreciate God's Greatness and His Absolutes such that they act to search the Scriptures with serious commitment and excellence to find ALL that He wants our churches to do. (We believe that God is Great. There is no question here. But we do not demonstrate our belief to search out all that He wants done.)* They do not search out His will for the depth-breadth scope for how He wants it done and then do it. They instead do only part of what He wants done (**abandoning God's absolutes**) and add their own ideas for direction such as working mostly at the lowest common denominator and using rock music. In doing the this, they are working under their own authority and acting like the Most High God, attempting to work all things together for good themselves. This is major sin. And, as a result, the people's Bible knowledge plateaus. ***They certainly do not mean or desire to do this. None of us do.*** But this is what happens when one goes their own way independent of **only** God's directives. This was the sin of Satan and is the major sin of people.

(Because these are happening, are our leaders mature in Christ and/or without discernment?)

As stated many times in this report, our Lord thought and did only what came from His Father

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people based on love (which can be good), but without teaching negatives such as about Hell, the Lake of Fire, and divine discipline. They do not teach the eternal penalties of not becoming mature in Christ. They are using contemporary rock-type music to draw the youth. They are teaching Bible knowledge without training people to live and walk by faith, sacrificial love, and to witness the Gospel. Several churches, that I know, have had but few water baptisms of new converts from the community. Are they doing effective evangelism? Congregations are growing, but mainly, in many cases, by people changing churches. Churches have a variety of different characteristics and different amounts of adopting the movement. Our churches have a variety of these characteristics.

as a source. (He told Satan: "It is written.") He took no independent initiative. Thus, He could say that he who has seen Me has seen the Father. This was because, from Himself, He was doing nothing. The Father then worked all things together for good. He treated His Father as His head and authority and did everything that His Father gave Him to do. In doing so, He glorified His Father. We, as believers in Christ, are to train and live this way. We will live this way in eternity. Then we will continue glorifying God. Then it will be God all in all.

If our churches appreciated God's Greatness and the need to know and obey His absolutes, living under His authority, they would know that He would be thorough and complete to put in His Bible ALL and ONLY the required objectives He wants for our Church and Christian lives. He would put in His Holy Bible all the absolutes of His perfect Truth that must be followed. He would give us complete and thorough guidance. He would also give us what not to do.

Churches would not independently have to figure anything out for what to do for major direction. Our churches would search the entire Bible to find all of God's directives with all diligence and carry ONLY these out with excellence and great commitment. They would be committed to and do only these from the Bible as directives and then in excellence. Not doing these, our churches are departing from God's absolutes and His best to the consensus of man.

Of course knowing His direction from the Bible, we can expect specific leading for what He wants us now to do to implement that direction or as part of that direction. This can be different for different churches. For example, He may have one church evangelize a certain local area and another church a different local area. The churches can team together on this. There are maturity level concerns that may bring different leading. So we must also be under God's specific leading, as well as under His specific direction.●95

Another cause of our churches' actions when they do not do all of what God wants, they do not demonstrate or show sufficient FEAR of God. If they did, would they not search out His wisdom in all matters for direction?●96 If they appreciated God's Greatness, would they not love Him with all they have? And as a result, as stated, would they not search the Scriptures for all (everything) that He wants done and to His scope and intent, and do them with great commitment and excellence? We can only abide in God's and our Lord's love if we keep their commandments.●97 This is my view. How many commandments do our church people know?

Doing this, they would see that they need both to mature their people (first priority) and to help evangelize their complete local as well as foreign areas. They would work with new people. They

95. GOD'S TOTAL WILL: We should think to live this way because we are told to walk as our Lord walked. And He did only what came from the Father as a source without taking any independent initiative. (We can of course make plans for how to carry out His directives including using the methods, if given, in the Bible. We are to trust God to bring the results. But God must be our only authority and head. We must not inadvertently act as our own head and establish direction. We must not do only part of what God wants done. If we do, we act partly as our own head. This can lead to sins of omission. If we do what He does not want done, this can be sins of commission.)

96. FEAR OF GOD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM: *Psalm 111:10; - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;; Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;.....*

97. LOVE DEMONSTRATION: *John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.*

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would do all three in some manner, using the proper priorities. **They would seek to do this with excellence having established an in-depth-breadth training curriculum from the Bible, both academically and application oriented. They would abide by His absolutes. They would use the hymns and like music and possibly some contemporary melody dominate music with good harmony. But they would not bring world loud rock-type contemporary repetitive beat music into the churches. They would avoid immorality. We are to remember to walk as our Lord walked and train our people to do so.**

But what are we doing? We are using our own and the world's methods, abandoning God's absolutes - dumbing down without also teaching in depth-breadth. Are we not in practice acting partly like the Most High God attempting to work some all things together for good ourselves? Certainly, we do not intend or desire to do that. We are not only seeking out God's ways in the Bible with excellence and doing only these. We are most certainly seeking some of His ways. We can begin doing what we know and then search for what else He wants us to do.●98 What hurts is that we want to do God's will and then do not do it. We do not do all of what we believe. This for us is sin. Such saddens our lives.

James 4:17 - Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

So is it sin if we know to do so and we are not working to evangelize complete local areas and training our people with a version of God's Whole Counsel to become mature in Christ?

But we need to recognize that the scope and teaching working for spiritual growth and taking people to maturity in Christ is vastly different in scope and in the amount of training. The same is true for doing some evangelism versus working with other churches to evangelize complete local areas. In Silicon Valley, California about 95% of the people do not go to church anywhere. Are we doing adequate evangelism? It does not look like it, even though many are evangelizing. Half of the people to whom I witness have never heard there even is a Gospel. Of course Silicon Valley is a most difficult area because of the large concentration of engineers and Asian people who are very intellectual and have different beliefs.

Because about 85% of the people who come to Christ do so before the age of fourteen, we need a major ministry to the children, such as in after-school Bible clubs. This is true also for college students, because about 99% of people come to Christ do so by the time they leave college.

The bottom line is that we need to discover those things only from the Bible that allow us to do only what the Father is giving for direction, and do them with commitment and with excellence.

I have a document on my web site that helps us along this way. It is called *Living By God's Righteousness*. It contains Psalms by which to praise God, promises to memorize by which to trust God, commandments to read and obey that demonstrates are love for God, the attributes of God to know and love Him, the spiritual requirements for church leadership, the principles of living by love, and some prayer helps. I read several pages each day in my personal devotions. It is available on my web site under TRAINING.

98. OBEY WHAT WE KNOW: If we are not obeying all or most of that we know, God may not allow us to have more insight that is needed to take us to higher maturity levels in Christ. We have to obey what we know now. We need to get on our knees and make the situation a matter of prayer. Doing so, He may show us where we fall short and some ways for greater growth. We need much prayer. We need to help each other.

● **CAUSE-SOURCE # TWO: CHURCHES ARE NOT KNOWING TO GAIN SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY AND ARE USING INVERTED PRIORITIES:** ●99

DISCUSSION: Our churches do not realize or may have never known that God's purpose is that we must become mature in Christ in order to know and relate to God toward His fullest both now but especially in eternity. Believing somehow that things will work out for eternity, has allowed our churches to disciple for growth and not be concerned about the outcome of becoming mature. It has allowed them to train at the beginning level, if that.

Thus, our churches are working at the beginning level without much concern for maturing their people to the higher skill levels in spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. Our churches, beyond having Justification for sin, do not work with eternity in mind. They are not outcome and sufficient doctrinally oriented. They do not realize that their maturity can be fixed forever at death.●100 They do not realize that in depth-breadth teaching of God's Whole Counsel, application oriented, is necessary to bring us to this needed maximum maturity.

MATURITY NEED: *We can only glorify God and live without sin when we do and become what He wants us to do and become.* We do nothing on our own, that which comes from us as a source.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

99. **MATURITY:** Only God can produce the maturity in us as we obey His Word as a result of His working in and leading us. Knowing more of His Word in knowledge and application, He can work more in us to a greater obedience level, and thus, to a greater maturity level.

100. **ALL MAY NOT AGREE:** I fully realize that Christians may not believe our spiritual ability in Christ-likeness can be or will be fixed forever at death. Most probably most have never really thought much about it. But Bible data points to this strong possibility. ***The Bible does not teach that our spiritual maturity will ever increase in heaven. We are commanded to pursue it so we should pursue it anyway to obey God regardless of whether or not we believe our maturity can or cannot increase in heaven.***

We might never have understood what mature love is all about without the love of God shown by our Lord dying on the Cross. Love is lived out in sacrificial service for the benefit of others. This could be the main reason we are here. We may only understand mature sacrificial love knowing about how it was demonstrated on the Cross:

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that (sacrificially) He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

This understanding is a matter of faith that our maturity can be fixed forever at death. We should obey the Lord to pursue maturity.

If we are not to pursue maturity now, why are we here? If our maturity can increase in eternity, could not God have created us with some maturity and placed us directly in eternity? He then would not have to send anyone to the Lake of Fire. (Being eternally in the Lake of Fire is most terrible. One might prefer to have never been born then to go to the Lake of Fire. The Bible, Matthew 26:24, Mark 14:21, teaches that it would have been better for Judas the one that betrayed Christ that he had not been born.)

As presented earlier, we learn more of God when we walk by faith and we must walk by faith to keep from sinning. We learn more of God's heart and live holy and righteously when we live by sacrificial love, keeping God's commandments. There appears to be multiple maturity levels of living by love and living by faith.

Thus, God may only give us great things to do and become when we have a greater maturity such that we can do and become what He wants done. On earth we can grow more in Christ. In eternity we can handle greater things and thus, be used more of God, but very importantly, we can know more about Him, His Glory and Greatness. He will lead us commensurate with or spiritual ability to respond.

BIBLICAL IMPLICATION: There is the most strong implication in the Bible that the spiritual maturity we have at death we can have forever without any increase. What if it is true?

There is no Bible teaching that states our maturity in Christ-likeness will increase in heaven. The Bible does not teach directly whether or not our maturity is fixed forever at death. But it implies it can be fixed at death in the following ways:

1. God commands us to pursue this maturity.●101 (It is important to Him that we pursue it for whatever reason He may have. To us, it includes having the ability to know and relate to God in His Greatness and Great Glory especially in eternity. It allows us to have a greater ministry using greater love and faith. We can more greatly glorify God.)
2. The biblical events over history from Genesis to Revelation are designed to lead us to gain maturity in Christ. (See my report: *God and His Greatness Must be Central.*)
3. The current developing environment of the world, flesh, and the devil is not allowed in heaven.
4. The spiritual mistakes we make in our development are sins. No sin (no spiritual mistakes) is allowed or will occur in heaven.
5. God chose to create us immature and a need for this maturity development.
6. We, in analogy, are planted in the ground as a seed that must be planted and then, die, sprout, grow to a mature plant or tree. The more it is watered and fed, the higher and stronger it will become (gaining more maturity). We cannot gain new life without dying to self.
7. *1 Timothy 4:8 - but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

What if our maturity is fixed forever at death? Not responding to God's command to become mature, then, can be a most terrible eternal mistake. As far as we understand, there is no recovery after death. Apart from knowing and relating to God, there is nothing. God may use our maturity in eternity in a way we cannot know now. If we appreciated God's Greatness, would we not pursue becoming mature as He commands with great commitment and diligence so we could know and relate to God in the best that is possible - having all that He has for us?

101. **GOD COMMANDS US TO PURSUE SPIRITUAL MATURITY:** Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 3:19; 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 6:1; 11:35; James 1:2-4.

I would think so. What else is there? We should understand that we can only live a righteous and holy life with Him directing everything. Apart from Him, we can do nothing and we will sin. We have no inherent ability to keep from sin. We should by faith believe He will lead us to do what is right even if we do not know or understand all the reasons. We would know that He has all the perfect and only ways to live - the best and most perfect life that is possible.

Please understand. We will never see God the Father visibly ever in eternity. We will live by faith that He exists and will do the promises that our Lord will teach us. We can learn more of God and be used of greater ways if we have a very mature life of living by faith. So we should pursue this with excellence whether or not my statement here is correct. We cannot please God without living by faith because He cannot reveal as much about Himself as He desires.

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Churches and family heads do not also realize that their first priority is with their own people and then specifically with their gung ho and most faithful. It is not with the watchers and new people that compose the majority of their congregations? Is it not with the youth who are unchurched? We of course need to work with all the groups.

So they do not train their people, especially their children and youth, to reach the highest mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living they understand. They do not involve them heavily in God's Work where they can see God using them. This maturity and skill are needed for the spiritual capability that is needed for their knowing and relating to God in eternity toward His fullest in depth-breadth and live by His perfect ways. They do work for some spiritual growth, but not to a description of an end result - maturity in Christ-likeness.

The biggest problem, as stated, can be that our churches do not know or realize they are to work to mature their people in Christ-likeness. They work for spiritual growth in method, but not to an outcome of maturity. The problem we have is that our churches may not know how or know enough to mature their people or that they believe they are doing it when they are actually not sufficiently. They may not know what maturity in Christ is ●102 and what is necessary to gain maturity in Christ. They most likely do not have a curriculum needed to make it happen.●103 They also are not training in Bible prophecy so their people will know how the endtimes unfold.

As stated, those church leaders implementing Seeker-Friendly and Emerging churches can hardly have a maximum maturity in Christ. If they did, they, in our

102. **MATURE CHRISTIAN APPEARANCE:** What does a mature Christian look like, and how does he worship, live, believe, and do in God's work?

103. **WHAT WAS YOUR TRAINING:** One way to start in the selection of a curriculum by church leaders is to review what they have studied and experienced themselves to reach the current maturity they believe they now have and begin to teach at least this to their churches.

view, would not have the characteristics of these churches.●104

They, instead, in addition to what they are doing, would also train their people with God's Word in depth-breadth using a version of God's Whole Counsel. They would train them to help do area-wide evangelism. They would not use facilitation in their community small groups. They would work for how God sees things that meets human needs, not the felt needs as man sees them. Even if they used some contemporary music with dominate melody and good harmony, they would not use the loud syncopated repetitive-beat rock-type. They would use the hymns.●105

They do not understand that the main reason we are on this earth is to gain this maturity for the need in eternity. God wants all of Him in all of us, directing our lives.●106 They do not understand the intimate walk of Christ with the Father. God commands that we pursue this mature ability. We do not have an option but to do it. So why don't we pursue it? Our churches do not appear to have the doctrinal and curriculum training that can help to produce this maturity or know that they should pursue it. They have good (?), but mainly, first-level teaching. It is like teaching mainly at the high school level, where instead God wants us also very importantly to train to reach the master's degree level.●107 We are not only to live by love, but we are also to live as Christ lives, doing only what comes from God the Father as a source. Their love must be lived out to include sacrificially helping and serving others in their needs (as God sees them). It is taking the true Gospel to the world.

As said many times, apart from this relationship with God, there is nothing. We have spiritual maturity when we live in relationships to the Father and Christ patterned after the Lord's walk with the Father. In this walk, He did nothing from Himself as a source, but only what came from the Father as a source. We are to live this way. The Bible is what came from the Father as a source. **(We should want to know as much about God and to relate to Him, helping to do His work, as much as we can and is possible. Are our churches headed in this direction? It does not look like it.)**

If we desire great fellowship with God, we need spiritual maturity in Christ as He commands that we pursue because it results in a holy and righteous life in love. What characteristics do we have if we are mature in Christ? We are also to be pure in heart without immorality so we can know God and His heart. We are to serve each other and God sacrificially. We do not want to have a spiritual immorality with Satan's efforts. (Only God knows how mature we actually are. The more we think we are, the less we are. The way up is down. **Those who want to be first will be last.**)

Matthew 5:8 - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

104. MATURITY AND DISCERNMENT: None of are as mature in Christ as we desire to be. But even so, we need to have the discernment of doing right or wrong. Do leaders have this discernment?

105. HEARTS: We are not referring to what is on the hearts of church leaders. We believe they want to do right. We are not so much questioning their commitment, but instead their doctrinal understanding, discernment, and direction - and what spirit they are following.

106. EXPRESSION: This is an expression of Ian Thomas.

107. PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD: Those people around the world, such as in persecuted countries, with perhaps less knowledge of God's Word, but obey what they know, can have a higher maturity level than those in America who know more of God's Word, but do not obey what they know. The problem now is that Americans are being taught less of God's Word. How much of it do they obey?

Matthew 20:16 - "Thus the last shall be first, and the first last."

In summary, but most of all, becoming highly mature is so we can relate to and know more of God and His Greatness more fully in His depth-breadth, both now, but especially throughout eternity. It is so we can have an intimate close fellowship with Him and each other as He guides and directs our lives. It is so we can live according to His perfect Truth in holiness and righteousness using sacrificial love and faith. Do you not want this? I know that I do. So what does it hurt to pursue maturity as God commands that we do? We need to help each other here. Even though we have insights, none of us have it all together. I know that I do not. Working together and helping each other, we can aim at this goal. We can pray for more insights.

And besides, as believers we are now betrothed to Christ and later in eternity, we will be living with Him as His wife. Should we not have a close and intimate relationship with Him now being betrothed to Him? How do we live when we are engaged to a future spiritual relationship husband? We should not pursue and engage ourselves in any physical and spiritual adulterous relationships.

Churches logically (or without thinking) can go mainly to first level training without also training in depth-breadth to gain high-level maturity if: (1) they are not concerned about pleasing and obeying God in this matter; (2) they believe their maturity can increase in heaven (They may have never thought about it. They must believe that they do not hurt their people by not training them to gain maximum maturity); (3) they do not need it for the Tribulation if they believe they will not go through it; (4) they are not concerned about knowing and relating to God (as head and boss) in His depth-breadth and doing everything and only what He wants done; (5) they are not concerned about bringing more glory to God by accomplishing all or much more of His work and giving back to Him what He has given to us; (6) they are not concerned about doing His work so that spiritual wealth is sent on ahead and receiving righteous heavenly rewards that God wants to give based on the works that God asked them to accomplish; and (7) they do not need it to train and bring up their families under the Lord.

Thus, our churches, not understanding or believing the need for mature high-skill level maturity in relationship living, are going their own way to train with only mostly first-level training.●108 Then, church people, not studying and working on their own, are only gaining a limited growth and will give less glory to God. Our churches do not appear to have a written and prepared curriculum of both the academic and the application that is adequately needed to mature their people.●109 They are working to reach numbers and draw them into the churches. Where this is good, by itself, it does not get the needed job done of maturing their people in Christ-likeness. They are working for people to become "connected" for friendship and Bible study. These are good things, but by themselves, it does

108. TEACHING MOSTLY CONTENT: We have churches that teach content and doctrine. But often some can be short on teaching how we live the Christian life and training their people to carry out ministry, particularly evangelism in the community. They believe that God will save people whether or not they do evangelism. They can be more doctrine than life oriented.

109. COMPREHENSIVE AND MORE DETAILED STUDY: There are a some churches that have a new Christian course, special Bible courses, a Bible school, and a seminary. It would be our hope that they would include or have a good course in Christian-Life Relationship Principles. The subject matter is presented elsewhere.

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not get the needed and required job done. What training curriculum do we need?●110 **We can always update it and use special subject training as God leads.**

What is needed is a multi-level curriculum. For example, we need one level for new Christians, another level that is an overview of most things for the new people and the watchers, a more advanced level in depth-breadth that is great detail for the gung ho and the faithful, and additional specialty levels for prophecy, witnessing etc. Some of these can be combined. They can be taught from the pulpit, in the Sunday School, evening courses, seminars, etc. One can use a Discipleship Training Center concept. Some churches have a Bible school and a seminary.

Because our church leaders most likely will not change to sufficiently help mature us, we need to go on our own with excellence and great commitment. This is what I am doing in personal study and devotions, taking as much from them and my friends as I can and from many books I am reading. I am practicing living by faith and sacrificial love, plus other things. This allows us to receive more revelation from God and with less sin and to live more holy and righteously. Of course these need work. You can do this also. We can ask each other and help each other. None of are as mature as we should be, can be, and ought to be. None of know enough. We all can use more insight. And we must pursue it to obey God's command. We can help each other.

Key is how do we learn, practice, and live out that below in excellence, with great commitment, and maturity before the Lord?

Our training, as previously introduced, needs to include at least the following taught in depth-breadth both academically and practically (Repeated for emphasis):

1. **WORSHIP:** Worship, glorify, please, obey, honor, and love God.
2. **LIVE GODLY:** Live godly lives patterned after Christ's walk with the Father in head-subordinate relationship living with sacrificial love and faith - leading to close fellowship.
3. **ACCOMPLISH GOD'S WORK:** Help accomplish God's work of evangelizing "total" foreign and local areas, discipling believers to maturity in Christ, building godly families, planting new churches, and reaching out to the needy.
4. **KNOW AND STAND ON DOCTRINE:** Learn and stand strong with great commitment on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. (We should know how the endtimes unfold and what we may experience.)

With limited training, after a few months or a few years pass, people will learn hardly anything new. What do new people, who want to become mature to know and relate more to God, have with which to look forward?●111 In such situations, their maturity growth can be limited. Thus,

110. **DO WHAT WE KNOW:** We may not know sufficient of the entire needed curriculum. Probably none of us do. But we can put on paper what we know and then ask others what they think should be included. Other sources of input can include people, books, other churches, the internet, Bible colleges, and seminaries. We can pray for guidance and direction and make needed future changes.

111. **AS A NEW CHRISTIAN:** When I first became a Christian, I studied the Bible many hours per week. I did
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they will need to go on their own or find another Church, if one can be found with the needed characteristics.

● CAUSE-SOURCE # THREE: OUR CHURCHES, NOT UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE, ARE IMPLEMENTING SATANIC STRATEGY:

Churches do not understand and appreciate their environment of intense spiritual warfare in which they are living, ministering, and are warring. They do not understand Satan's tactics and strategies when they use only first-level training and rock type music that impedes and desensitizes spiritual learning.●112 They do not see that Satan wants the youth (church and unbelievers) not to be able to do critical analysis in order to determine what will be happening when world government comes. They are implementing satanic strategy by not maturing their people in Christ-likeness and not accomplishing area-wide local evangelism. Churches do not understand that the endtimes Tribulation can come most any time and their falling away is helping to bring it. They are not training their people to stand strong and not fall away under the coming persecution.●113

The churches not understanding and appreciating the environment of the intense spiritual warfare in which they are involved and are warring, implement satanic strategy most likely without their realization, intention, and desire.●114

Churches need to understand the dialectic process and diaphrax that Satan uses to accomplish his goals. These methods were presented earlier in depth. But the concept is he uses a method (anti-thesis) to take things from where they are (thesis) to where he wants them to be (synthesis). Using these, he is attempting to take the traditional church to apostasy without the Gospel using the method of the Church Growth Movement. The final one results from one compromise after another.

Using the dialectic process, Satan wars to help prevent some of the elect from believing and from accomplishing some of God's chosen work. Satan wants to rule the world and have the people

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this because what I was doing previously was not working. Because of this study and that our pastor taught simply, after about a year, I learned but little from the pulpit. This is happening now again to some degree under the Seeker-Friendly movement. This is true even though the sermons are good and taught at the beginning level.

112. **ROCK MUSIC:** In our view, using rock-type contemporary music is also implementing satanic strategy. Its use is not of God. It causes people to go for emotions and feeling, instead of heart-based intellect worship. Tests and observations of people have shown that it can induce thoughts of immorality, reduce thinking capacity, and brings less sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. It, in our view, is very doubtful that it brings much worship to God. The best that can be said is that, in our view, its use may come under God's permissive will. If this approach can be God's good, in our view, it certainly is not His best. Should we not work for excellence before the Lord?

113. **MY PROPHECY PAPERS:** Read the prophecy papers on my web site. They teach clearly with many-many doctrines that the Church will be raptured at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation.

114. **PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE:** In my view, believing wrongly in a Rapture before the emdtimes Tribulation can be satanic strategy. Where it should not do this, this view tends to put Christians to sleep and not train for going to war - the war of the Tribulation. They have the tendency to just rock along, not being concerned about gaining maturity.

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worship him. He works to be equal to the Most High God. Thus, he wants Church people ignorant of God's Word and immature. He wants them to think as man thinks and to meet the needs of man as man sees them. He wants them to be indoctrinated with world government and a false world religion. He must do this so God's elect might not believe and/or might not accomplish God's chosen work allowing him to win the warfare over Christ (of course this will not happen). This sin also helps or allows him to bring the endtimes Tribulation. His strategies also include gay marriages (and live-ins) and abortion (the elect might not be born), and getting the church people involved in immorality (so God cannot use them and also allow him to bring the Tribulation). ***Our churches by dumbing down and using rock music are fueling this situation now - implementing key satanic strategy.***●115
Is this not a leadership problem?

As the sin of God's and the rest of the people increase, God will allow Satan to bring a calamity (method) to take us from ordered government (the way things are) to being under world government of the endtimes Tribulation under his greater control (result or the way things that he wants them to be). As the sin of the Church increases, Satan is allowed more power to bring this result. Signs now signal that world government can come at any time.●116

Another of Satan's major strategies is to dumb down public school students. This is so they know little, cannot do good clear thinking, and thus, cannot do critical analysis. ***These are happening now. In time, when the older people who can do these things die and/or when the younger people under this poor training become the vast majority, there will be but few (church and public) people who can do critical analysis and know what is really happening as the endtimes unfold.***

The church is now implementing his strategy. Then when he brings world government in the Tribulation, he indoctrinates people with world government without the Bible. Dumbed-down people, not able to do critical analysis and not knowing Bible prophecy, most likely will not know what is happening and will go along with it. The poorly spiritually equipped Christians will fall away from the faith as the persecution comes. Many of the rest of God's people will be martyred. The next step under the Mark-of-the-Beast situation, he will force people to believe his way, denying the Gospel, in order to buy or sell and live. The rest will be killed. Our churches are fueling this situation now by dumbing down their teaching and using loud contemporary music. ***(As a church leader, do you want any responsibility for this falling away and do you also want to receive possible Judgment? I know that I do not.)***

115. **THE ORIENT EXPRESS:** In the movie *The Orient Express*, the villain placed many clues that had nothing to do with the murder to fool and mislead the investigators. Likewise Satan has established many false religious systems to keep and deceive the people from finding the true answer in Christ for sin's justification and only from the Holy Bible.

116. **WARN AND INFORM:** We should now warn, brief and, inform our people that signs now signal that the endtimes Tribulation can come soon. Only God knows the time. We should alert that our churches are causing the Tribulation to come. We should alert to do personal evaluation and urgently make needed changes. We should with urgency, train and mature our children and youth to become mature in Christ and be prepared for the soon coming of the endtimes. There are also other things important to do. ***These are best to do even if we get 10 or more years before the Tribulation comes. But if we don't?***

HOW TO DESTROY A CHURCH ●117: First Satan deceives. In music, he first weakens doctrine with simplistic, over personalized lyrics. **Then second** he uses repetition to put the conscious mind to sleep. **Then third**, he activates the adrenal glands through syncopated, loud rhythms (particularly drums) creating a synthetic experience. A false emotional high is thought to be an authentic religious experience. Once he has deceived a large number of the congregation, he then proceeds to divide, by putting the traditionalists against the innovator - the spiritual aware, against the spiritual naive.

● CAUSE-SOURCE # FOUR: CHURCHES ARE NOT DOING CRITICAL ANALYSIS:

Many or most churches, from our observation (there may be exceptions) are not doing critical analysis to determine how effective they are in what they are doing and/or not doing. They are not determining the need to be mature in Christ-likeness in order to know and relate to God more fully in eternity and to live holy and righteously. They do not seem to be concerned about eternity beyond just becoming a Christian. Do they know how to share the Gospel?

They are not determining how much they know about all of that God wants done, and how well they are actually doing evangelism and discipleship (maturing their people to become like Christ). Do they know what God has entrusted to them? They show, by their actions, they do not understand Satan's objectives. Do they know how to become mature in Christ-likeness? So are they checking to see if they have a curriculum that is needed to mature their people and train them to do evangelism?

Thus, because of the trends, to us, the churches, especially elders, pastors, and teachers, most likely are doing insufficient critical analysis to determine how well they know all of what God wants done and to the degree He wants it done. They are not searching the Scriptures for all He wants done. ***Do they understand that mature people, obeying God to a greater decree, glorify God more*** Thus, our churches are not doing the needed critical analysis to determine how well they are actually maturing their people (to the level they understand) as God commands and how well they are actually doing area-wide local and foreign evangelism They can do this by examining the actions of the Church people and to what degree the church has water baptisms of new converts from the community. Do they understand whether our maturity is fixed at death? Do they have in depth-breadth training curriculums in place for this that represents a version of God's Whole Counsel? How in depth-breadth are they? Are they training with mostly knowledge or worship, life, and ministry oriented with knowledge in application? Are they teaching what happens in the Tribulation? Do they know? Are their people becoming involved in ministry and are attending key church functions? Are they having many water baptisms of new converts from the community to show they are actually doing evangelism?

Our churches, by using rock music, are not doing research to understand the bad effects that rock music has on their people. If they did, they would not use the music. They do not understand that the dumbing down will bring a great falling away from the faith under the persecution in the coming endtimes.

They do not know and recognize the existing signs that signal the endtimes, beginning with calamity and world government, can come at any time. They do not warn their people of a soon-coming Tribulation. They do not recognize their spiritual state and the need to ready themselves and their people for the soon coming calamity and Tribulation - world government. They are not analyzing the times and signs to determine whether or not the endtimes Tribulation can be soon coming. They might

117. **DESTROYING THE CHURCH:** This info was taken from page108 of *Crisis in Christian Music* by Dr. Wheaton.

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not even know the signs and to give warning. Many are not concerned with their prophetic view as to whether or not they will go through the endtimes Tribulation.●118 They minister as if the current times will last forever - at least for a long time. They most likely will not. As a result of the latter, the Church will not be prepared and can be caught blind-sided when the calamity comes that will bring the Tribulation. They will have less maturity at death than they otherwise could have had. The signs now all around us signal loudly the Tribulation, beginning with a world-wide calamity, can be coming at any time. Again, only God knows the timing. But our churches are oblivious to the situation. They are not doing critical analysis.

Churches need to know how well they are actually carrying out their ministries so they can make any needed and important changes.

Church leaders who are mainly dumbing down, not doing critical analysis, and/or are using rock music may not recognize that they do not know sufficient doctrine and are most likely inadequately mature in Christ.●119 If they were mature in Christ, knowing doctrine, they would not do these things or allow them to be done. They are at least lack adequate discernment. This is our view.

God said that in the endtimes, the churches will not endure sound doctrine and would have spiritual eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. Thus, immaturity will be increasing. Are not these times here now and expanding? It sure looks like it.

2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

Acts 28:27 - For the heart of this people has become dull, And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes; Lest they should see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I should heal them. "

Going to mainly first level training without also maturing their people, churches, in our perception by their actions or lack of them, are not enduring or even know much sound doctrine. They work for salvation, but do not see the need to mature their people with specific training that allows the maturity to occur. As a result, they have little knowledge, and only limited spiritual growth. Many believe, by what they do, is to provide Scriptural concepts for growth, but do not have a sufficient curriculum to take their people to maturity in Christ. They teach the academics, but not how to carry them out They have good and needed teachings, but only take people to a junior high school level and not to a masters degree level where God wants us to take us. They teach us to fly a Cessna 172, but not a four engine jet. But God wants us to be able to fly the jet.

118. COMPLEXITY OF PROPHECY: Prophecy is complex. Because of this, and because interpreters have several views without resolution to one, many Church leaders and pastors have not determined or chosen a Church View. Because of this, they appear to pay little attention to the signs that signal the Tribulation is coming and what happens to their people, especially their children, in the Tribulation. As a result, they continue business as usual believing the current good times, without calamity and government intervention, will continue now long term. They will not. They do not provide sufficient training for their people.

119. KNOWING DOCTRINE: One must realize that going to Bible colleges and seminaries, knowing much Bible content and doctrines does not make one mature. One becomes mature when they live by faith trusting God to fulfill His promises and living by sacrificial love keeping God's commandment, serving God and others. It is living Christ-like, living as our Lord lives. It is carrying out God's program, not ours.

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Of course, as stated, none of know the entirety of what is required. But we can do what we know, help each other, search the Scriptures, read books of others, and pray for greater direction.

And when you share such things with leadership, they do not respond to make changes so they demonstrate having ears that cannot hear and eyes that cannot see all the things that God is directing us to do. Of course, this assumes we are correct. They are committed to other objectives. They demonstrate they do not know and are committed to sound and complete doctrine. Many leaders say they are too busy to do these things. But in my book, when the boss gave me instructions and a job, it was not a matter of whether or not the job would be done, but only one of how I was to get it done. We may have to delegate to other faithful people. But the job must be done.

Thus, when our Lord commands we are to mature our people in Christ and evangelize the children and youth, we must find a way to get the job done. As leaders, we cannot say we are too busy or have other priorities. One can delegate work to responsible people. One does not have to do everything himself. If you were too busy to get the job done, would the Lord place you in leadership? Would He not trust and test you to get it done? Are you carrying out His entrustments?

COMMENTS: Our churches in the Church Growth Movement are in a form of apostasy and falling away. **They may no longer have the commitment and/or may not know how to mature their people and help to do area-wide local true evangelism.**●120 Spending much time away from the depth-breadth of the Bible, new trainees or even current leaders, probably will not know how to or that they should mature their people, even if they work for some spiritual growth. They may believe they are doing it when they are not. Churches should now take urgent steps to mature their people and do area-wide local evangelism, especially to the children. They can work with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Will they do it?

We must understand that in America, we now live in free society where we can worship and minister the way we want in freedom without going to jail. But this will all change when we go under world government. The government will make war against Christians. Worship will be controlled and if we minister openly, particularly evangelizing, we can go to jail. We should train now for how we can and should live under these circumstances when the government will make war with the Church. This is one reason now to go to home groups. We still can worship according to our faith. We need to buy needed Bibles and hymn books now for this purpose.

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**SUMMARY:
IMPACTS THAT RESULT FROM
THE CHURCH'S CAUSE-SOURCE PROBLEMS**

Not attempting to mature their people at the higher skill levels and not attempting to evangelize entire local areas can be sins of omission. As a result, our church people, not being matured and involved in God's work, will:

1. Give less glory to God; (Our Lord said that He glorified His Father because He accomplished all

120. MATURITY TRAINING: Churches may believe they are maturing their people when they are not. It takes some discernment. One can do self evaluation by putting on paper all those items that are needed for spiritual maturity. Then they can see if they are teaching all of them and if the people are responding obeying them.

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the work that His Father gave Him to do.)

2. Not send as much spiritual wealth on ahead.
3. Not receive as many heavenly rewards that God wants to give. (We are judged for our works.)
4. Show less than desired actual love for God when we dumb down, do not do area-wide evangelism, and use rock music.
5. Not recognize the signs of the soon-coming endtimes Tribulation.
- 6. Be helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation by our inadequate obedience.●121**
- 7. Have the most severe impact of having less maturity with less spiritual capability by which to know and relate to God in His depth-breadth in eternity.●122**
- 8. Not living by strong faith in God to act according to His Word, people will learn much less of the Bible. (Those not walking by strong faith will not have discernment of the Scriptures. This appears to be happening in the Movement. They are trusting themselves using man's ways instead of trusting God, using His ways, to work all things together for good.)**

Apart from this relationship in #7 and knowing and relating to God, there is nothing. What else is there?●123 This is most serious if we do not gain the maximum maturity that God wants us to have. There is no recovery after death that we know about by which we can increase our maturity in Christ.

MAJOR ITEMS AND IMPACTS SUMMARY: The more mature we are in Christ, being involved in His work, we can send more spiritual wealth on ahead and receive more righteous rewards that God wants to give. ***But most of all, we bring more glory to God. As stated, we only glorify God when we live out and accomplish what He gave us to do. We cannot glorify God when we live doing things from ourselves as a source. Thus, with more maturity, living by greater love and greater faith, we will glorify Him more.***

121. BRINGING THE TRIBULATION: God allows Satan to bring the endtimes Tribulation after the Church's obedience, particularly in America, falls below His standards. The Tribulation comes from at least two points of view. One is that God uses the Tribulation to polarize the world's people in a formal acceptance or denial of the Gospel before He will bring the Rapture. Satan uses his clamp down in the Tribulation to help him prevent some of the elect from believing and prevent the elect from accomplishing some of God's chosen work. He must do this if he is to win the spiritual warfare over Christ. It will not happen.

122. MANY LEVELS: There most likely will be many maturity levels of Christians in heaven as there will be many punishment levels in the Lake of Fire.

123. BEST TO HAVE SOMETHING THAN NOTHING: However, as stated, it is better to become a Christian and go to heaven with little maturity than not to be a Christian and not go to heaven. So using contemporary rock music and dumbing down training may bring limited useful results, even though it is far away from God's best. It is much less than excellence before God. But maybe we cannot bring most of our young people today to excellence before God. ***But in my view, there are still a few young people out there that want the best of God and want to do things only His way. We should search for these young people and help disciple and mature them in Christ.***

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Part of our maturing, then, is to learn to live by great faith. We will walk by faith in eternity because we will never see God the Father. This is the concept of our faith walk in heaven as we can know now. **We must learn to live by great faith now.** Then we will gain more revelation from God and be used by greater ways by God. This combined with living by mature love, we will get to know more of God and His glory and ways. This is of high value. Nothing apart from Him, His ways, and what He puts in us, has value. ●124

We will see the Lord Jesus Christ. We will see the Father in Christ as Christ lives out His life before us. He will be our teacher, but we will walk by faith in that God the Father exists, and He will do what the Lord Jesus says He will do. In heaven, He will be our Bible and a witness that the Father lives. As we walk by faith that God is leading us, others will also see God the Father in us. The Bible teaches that no man or angel has seen God the Father. But in heaven? ●125

God reveals things to us as we walk by faith (Romans 1:17). If we want to know as much about God as we can, we need now to develop a great and mature faith walk with God. We have to walk by great faith in order to live without sin.

2 Peter 1:3-8 - seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

124. MY DECEASED WIFE: My wife lived a life giving great praise to God using the Psalms, lived by sacrificial love always serving others, and lived by great faith in His Greatness to bring the needed results in life. Her life gave great glory to God. Every time she prayed, she would read part of a Psalm that declared God's Greatness. She worked in His service training and evangelizing children. She had a great heart for God. She always wanted the best of God. She lived a life of great testimony to others.

125. SEE GOD THE FATHER BY FAITH AND BY THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF CHRIST: Satan in the early or far past before people was no doubt taught by the Lord Jesus, but did not obey because he was not using faith that what our Lord taught came from God the Father. He wanted to do things his way. He sinned, being enamored with himself. He did not believe what the Lord taught came from God the Father. He acted like the Most High God, wanting to be in charge. He wanted to be equal with God (Christ). He may not even know about God the Father for he has never seen Him and never will. We know Him because of what the Bible teaches. We most likely will never see Him either because of His immensity. We will see the Lord Jesus Christ. And as our Lord taught, he who has seen our Lord, has also seen the Father. This can be true in heaven also. Our Lord did only what came from the Father as the source of all living and direction. We will always have to live by faith and believe that all we are thinking and doing came from the Father, not from us. So should we not teach our church people and families now how to walk by strong faith? This is what I believe.

We must realize that there will be millions of Christians in heaven. We most likely all cannot be close to Christ in a physical sense. There appears to be a chain of command in heaven (e.g. ruling over 5 cities or ten cities in the parable). We, all, will receive direction from the Father through Him and the Holy Spirit. It can be in a different way than we know now. If spiritually, we can occupy the same space, so to speak, we can all be physically close to Christ. We will have to wait and see what the conditions will be. But they will be great.

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Along with faith, we need to have love that is lived out. We show or demonstrate our love to God and abide in His love when we keep His commandments. Of course in eternity, He will direct every thought and action for how we will live. Such today is equivalent to commandments in the Scriptures. We will obey from our love, not as robots. He can lead us in greater and more mature ways if we have greater maturity to live by love. So we should respond now to develop and live by this greater maturity in love now. This means we must do things His way, not by our ways

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 - If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:13 - But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

We activate our faith in the Father to keep His promises as we execute the instructions with the promises. As we walk by strong faith, we will receive more revelation from God the Father. We will walk by faith to believe that everything we are thinking and doing came from the Father through Christ to us. When will do, we live without sin and gain revelation of God and His will for us. As we walk by love, obeying God's commandments from our love for Him, we will live holy, righteously, know His heart, and have great fellowship with Him and each other. But this life requires maturity in Christ-likeness walking as our Lord walked. This maturity must be developed now.

In any case, whatever we believe, God commands us to pursue this maturity. So we have no option but to pursue it. So we should not go to the seeker-friendly approach without also training in depth-breadth to mature our people, especially including our children and youth. We should put our gung ho and faithful as our first priority. *How well is this happening in our churches? Do we have curriculum and training for this to occur? Do we need to develop one?*

It is mandatory we leave, not join, and not participate in the Church Growth Movement concept with its dumbing down if we are to develop maturity with mature love and mature faith. (Not finding a Church, we may have to go to the best Church we can find and then, also, have our own home fellowship, attempting to do things right under God.)

POTENTIAL JUDGMENT

(Church and family leadership should pay attention.)

But because the Church Growth Movement, to us, is a semi apostate movement that is going world-wide, leading to the Tribulation, and implementing satanic strategy, the judgment can be severe for those promoting and using it. They are leading thousands of people away from God's best, gaining maturity in Christ, sending wealth on ahead, and to receive the rewards that God wants to give.

Very seriously as a result of the above, and those who are involved in the Church Growth Movement, Church leaders and pastors can be subject to severe judgment and discipline in the

coming Tribulation. ●126 This can be particularly true if they are not training their people for maturity, doing evangelism, and having proper worship that they know they should do, but are not doing it. When the church leadership falls away followed by the church people, this leads to the rest of the nation's people going into great sin. **Leadership, in one sense, is helping people to sin, by not training them to become mature in Christ where Christ leads everything and thus, to less sin. Leadership is subject to great judgment. We all may face some judgment.**

James 3:1 - Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.

When this combined sin in God's endtimes favored nation of the United States crosses God allowable sin threshold, God allows Satan to bring the calamity that places the world under Revelation's world government of the Tribulation. This tells us that one primary cause of the Tribulation's coming is the fault of the falling away of Church leadership and then of the church people. Thus, the church is primarily responsible for the Tribulation coming. Thus, she will go through it for divine discipline and to gain more maturity in Christ-likeness needed for eternity. **If we will not listen to and obey God in peace time, maybe we will have another opportunity, but under the discipline brought by the Tribulation with its world government.** God uses the Tribulation as a means to terminate history. It leads to our Lord's Second Coming when the Rapture occurs.

Our church leaders should and probably know and believe the Bible teaches that they should do area-wide evangelism and mature their people. But they are not attempting to do it, or at least working for spiritual growth, they may believe they are doing it. (They are method, not outcome oriented.) It is not a priority with them. The Bible teaches that those who know what to do and do not do it, for them it is sin. Thus, leaders (probably all of us) can expect God's judgment such as can be implemented in the coming disciplinary Tribulation. The Scriptures teach that judgment begins with the household of God - you and me.

1 Peter 4:17 - For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

However, our churches do not appear concerned about judgment coming upon them when they do not use God's methods to draw and mature people. They instead use loud rock and other contemporary music in order to reach the young people. They believe if they do not, they will not reach and draw the young people. But is this the best way under God? What Scripture should one use?

With my insufficient faith, I know that I am terrified of what can happen to me if I am not doing all of God's will that I know. Thus, I am searching the Scriptures, doing much personal evaluation, and making some changes. I encourage you to do the same.

Churches and families need now to evaluate themselves. There no doubt are some good things happening in these churches. We are addressing that the Church Growth Movement churches are mainly implementing only part of what God wants done (not even addressing God's main objective of taking people to maturity in Christ) and are using the world's rather than biblical methods and music. But is it of God? Maybe some things are. I cannot go with it because I want the best of God for myself, my family, my people, and my church. I believe it is helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation, and it is bringing eternal harm to its people. Thus, I cannot see how this movement can be much of God. But

126. **JUDGEMENT:** We may all experience some judgment.

is God using it?

Study and examine the causes of this movement, presented earlier, and make your own judgments.

THE BOTTOM LINE - ETERNAL ASPECTS *(Forfeiture of God's Best)*

Those locked into the Church Growth Movement with its practices and loud dominate rhythmic music are forfeiting their ability to know and relate to God in more of His depth-breadth, especially in eternity. They are forfeiting the best they can have in a deep and intimate relationship with God now and especially throughout eternity. Of course all things will be good in eternity. But why not have God's best as He is directing us now that if we respond, we can have. How can I say it any plainer? Sure we all need help. We can help each other. But we have to aim in the correct direction with excellence and commitment. Whatever has been the past and is now, lets work together to have the best future we can have toward His best. Are you game?

SOLUTIONS TO THE CHURCH MOVEMENT SITUATION: SO WHAT APPROACH SHOULD WE TAKE?; WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

SELF CHECK: *Our church leaders should determine if they are training to mature their people with a curriculum representing God's Whole Counsel. They should check to see if they are training their people to do personal and group evangelism. Are they placing after-school Bible clubs in the elementary public schools. They should check to see if their people are actually doing evangelism, being matured, and prepared for the soon-coming Tribulation. They should determine if they are wrongly using forms of rock music.*

We need to make a commitment that we are going to stand on the Truth without falling away and without going with the current Church Growth Movement. We will no longer use rock music ever again.

Who this day will you serve?

Joshua 24:15 ".....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ●127

If not already doing so, we must take steps to mature our people and train them to do witnessing. Even in these endtimes, there will be some who will be the gung ho and the faithful. They must remain our first priority. And if we do not take steps to mature our people, it demonstrates that we, ourselves, are not mature in Christ and do not love Christ as much as we desire or think, or we would do so. What good does it do if we do not take steps to mature our people in Christ? Not doing so, in time, few will be mature in Christ.

Thus, believers should attend churches that: (1) do not use contemporary loud repetitive syncopated rock-type music; (2) do not compromise the message in preaching and teaching, (3) have teaching and

127. **VERSE:** I placed this verse on our living room fire-place mantel as my children were growing up.

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training in God's depth-breadth; (4) do not use the world's marketing methods, and (5) are doing significant outreach evangelism, especially of the children and the youth. They should attend churches where they can gain maturity in Christ so they can better relate to and know God in eternity. Do we have many churches today with these needed characteristics? **Are you attending or know of one? They are on the decrease. Now we may have to attend a church that is the best we can find, even though it does not meet our (hopefully God's) standards.**

Thus, we should be in a church or group that is: (1) training to become mature in Christ by training with God's Word in depth-breadth with a version of God's Whole Counsel; (2) is singing the hymns and avoiding using rock and loud dominant beat music; (3) doing local and foreign area-wide evangelism especially of the children and the youth; (4) working with priority with the gung ho and the faithful and those wanting to be; and (5) preparing for going through the soon-coming Tribulation. We should do teaching in our small groups in a vertical teaching arraignment, not in a facilitated horizontal sharing arrangement. We should be doing critical analysis of our personal and church lives and come to greater obedience before the Lord. This new situation can only be a church that is independent of the Church Growth Movement. This is important because we are not to be unequally yoked.

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Some churches have both a traditional service and a contemporary service. But this is not having unity. It is like having two churches that will work together in other things. It shows compromise and lack of discernment to have a more full obedience to God. It may, in some cases, be doing the best that one can have and do under the current circumstances. **(These churches often can have Sunday School for the youth during the traditional service forcing them to attend the contemporary service with its rock music.)**

Thus, in today's environment, even though not preferred or believed to be God's best, we may need to have two different church services with different sermons, Sunday Schools, community groups, and music. One for the gung ho and the faithful and one for the youth who will not or cannot go the distance.●128 We must work to do God's best, not organize, fellowship, worship, and have the best we can have in today's situation.●129 Although, we may not have an alternative.

Everyone should be taught the need to become mature in Christ-likeness, what constitutes maturity, and what constitutes good music. What hurts, is that mostly only the older people, who know and appreciate doctrine, most likely will go with the good music and the in-depth training. Fortunately, there are exceptions.

We can add advanced training to our Church Growth Movement churches. ***But generally many or***

128. **CHURCH:** I know of a church that has a traditional service with the hymns, a choir, a piano, and an organ. It also has a contemporary service with rock-type contemporary music, a worship team, guitars, and drums. Where there is good preaching and a missions program etc, what keeps the church going is its very large percentage of gung ho and very faithful people. Such churches can have problems if the percentage of these decrease or is much less. They can begin to have financial problems and the attending ministries can reduce.

129. **HOME WORSHIP:** I know of one family that left their church and now has a family fellowship with several families around God's Word and prayer.

most of those who remain under the rock music will not be interested in studying more in depth-breadth. There may be a few, so we should provide it for them. But generally those who stay in the movement can be locked in.

We, in our view, should use a minimum and foundational training curriculum that all Church people learn. We should add other subjects for greater growth and knowing other aspects and as God leads. We can have special groups for those wanting to study some aspects in more depth-breadth.

The major topics or courses for this training, in our view, should include at least the following taught both academically and practically:●130

1. The Christian-Faith Doctrines with God's Attributes and Character Qualities - His Greatness. (See our web site doctrinal statements for doctrinal examples and paper on God's Attributes.) ●131

2. Christian-Life Relationship Principles (This consists of the above suggested training of worship, live godly, and accomplish ministry. See appendix for sample list of topics. I have taught this course for many years.) ●132 ●133

3. God's Plan for History with the Spiritual Warfare and Endtimes Prophecy: One should know what will happen in the Tribulation regardless of one's view of prophecy and that God plans that we become mature in Christ to know Him and our maturity may be fixed forever at death.●134 ●135

The training should be both academic (the what to's) and practical (the how to's) oriented. More can be added such as a study of our Lord's life and ministry in a Harmony of the Gospels and selected books of the New Testament. We should share testimony in our teaching.

130. TRAINING MATERIALS: As time progresses, Lord willing, I plan to place training materials in the next few months on my web site under **TRAINING** that helps us to become mature in Christ and be prepared for eternity. Pray for me and this work. None of us know enough, but we can share what we know and pray for more insights. We can help each other. This is why I read books and materials of many others.

I am available to give seminars, talks, and teachings on these subjects.

131. DOCTRINES: As a starter, see my doctrinal statement on my web site and those of the many very good churches.

132. NEEDED TOPICS: A list of needed topics for *Christian-Life Relationship Principles* are presented in the Appendix.

133. FAITH AND LOVE: We need to walk by faith in order to learn and know the Bible. We need to walk by God's love to live holy and know God's heart. Not doing these, we end up with a humanist movement. This is happening.

134. REPORTS: On our web site, see our report: *God and His Greatness Must be Central* for the training elements and *The Pattern View of Prophecy* and *Endtimes Scenario As to How the Endtimes Unfold* to see how the endtimes unfold.

135. GOD'S PLAN: For God's Plan see the document on my web site: *God and His Greatness Must Be Central*. For prophecy, see my many web site reports including *The Pattern View of Prophecy* and *The Jewish Situation*.

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These courses give us an in depth-breadth comprehensive overview at doing all that God wants done. Our papers can be studied for more detail. Christian-Faith Doctrines give us the doctrines upon what we believe, stand, and for what we are willing to die. These of course include the inspired and inerrancy of the Scriptures, God, the trinity, Christ and His Deity, the Cross, the Holy Spirit, Christ's Second Coming, and being with God forever in heaven and unbelievers being away from God forever. The Christian-Life Relationship Principles are those needed for worship, life, and ministry that take us to maturity in Christ and accomplish God's will for us now on the earth patterned after Christ's walk with the Father. As stated in the footnote, a list of needed topics for Christian-Life Relationship Principles is shared in the Appendix. I have taught these principles for many years. God's Plan tells us how all the major events of history lead us to becoming mature in Christ, the basis for why we are here, and how God plans to end history. A study of the spiritual warfare teaches the objectives and strategies of our Lord and particularly those of Satan. Bible prophecy is a study of over 40 doctrines that provide us understanding of God's Plan and how and why the endtimes unfold. I have studied all of these and continue to read the books and reports of others for continued additional insight. The above understanding and my prophecy reports are either on or will be placed on my web site. Please send me your insights.

We should teach the Word in its depth-breadth, without watering it down. We should advertise this way. We should use music that gives great praise to God. New people should be looking to have a new life, not one from the world that has come into the Church. People will come to Church and be saved because God is drawing them and working in them. He does this through His Word. Preachers and evangelists in crusades are using world music because they have not found other ways that work. But is this the only way? Is it God's way? I doubt it - certainly not His best. **(I fully realize we need to be flexible in what we do, but at the same time we need to do what our head (God) wants and not follow the world and its (our) methods.)**

I strongly believe that our young people will be drawn and attend churches and youth groups if our preaching and teaching was in depth-breadth in a most loving, caring, and understandable way. They will attend if it is life oriented founded on doctrine. It must be God and Bible oriented, not man and world oriented. They will come if we present an emphasis on the life and ministry of Christ - the benefits of walking with God and eternal benefits and the eternal penalties if one does not. ●136 They will come if we choose hymns that are dynamic and present the benefits of knowing God and the impacts of eternity.

The teaching should present God's Greatness with His attributes and character qualities. It should present why we are here so we can train to know and relate to our perfect God. It should bring challenge to become better than we are, not just join a world-driven church. It should present the need of and how to obtain justification for sin and how to walk with Christ, having a holy life - going to heaven. God will work in them, lead them, and give them help. I believe this is especially true if we get the Gospel to them in a caring manner. I believe they will come to hear the Bible if we describe the benefits of salvation, gaining maturity, knowing and walking with God, and the great attributes of our living God. We can use the more dynamic hymns.●137

136. VISITING PREACHERS: In my experience, when Bible teachers came to visit out churches and give in depth-breadth presentations with some humor such as Ian Thomas, Vernon McGee, Louis Palau, Bob Theime, Frank Logston, Ray Stedman, Don Richardson, Dick Hillis, Ron Carlson, Dallas Seminary professors, and many others, the people came in groves to hear them.

137. SHOWING LOVE AND HONEST CONCERN: I talked with a young lady in the gay movement. She first
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Having loud rock music with drums in our youth groups, our youth do not stand much of a chance to become mature in Christ. With the limited teaching, our youth are growing up but with a limited knowledge of God's Word and without an understanding of how the endtimes will unfold. If we are to be successful with God, we must change what we are doing.

The problem comes when our churches do not live out, having a testimony of, what they believe. Why join something that is not working. ●138 Why join something that is not getting the job done or going anywhere - not doing all of what God wants? ●139 ●140 Is your church getting the job done? Is it going anywhere? Why would you think so?

STATUS: As stated, regardless what has been the past and what is the present, we should now work to have the best future we can have under God. Determine now EVERYTHING that God wants you to do and not do from His Holy Word. Put these on a large sheet of paper as described earlier under the needed approach. Then determine how you will do them with excellence and great commitment. Confess any sin and past wrong things, particularly things that effect your people and families wrongly. Plan and work now for the best you can have.

Phillippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

ESTABLISH SMALL GROUPS FOR THE ENDTIMES: Because the Tribulation is soon coming, we should place our Church people now with urgency into small home support groups. We can train them there and in seminars in depth-breadth. Our church doors will be closed by the world government. In the Tribulation, the government will make war with the church, martyr believers, and satanically educate and indoctrinate our children and youth. It will come after us as believers. We need to put in some provisions to get through the calamity when the infrastructure will bring down.

We can review the music we are using. We should with urgency drop rock music whether or not if we continue with the contemporary melody dominate music. We should consider using the hymns and like music that has the melody dominant.

The fact that the government will close our church doors in the Tribulation maybe one reason God may be leading or at least using churches to establish many home groups regardless of the dumbing down.

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had a belligerent attitude. But when she sensed our love and concern for her and we told her of God's love for her, she had an attitude change and listened to the Gospel. She took our salvation booklet.

138. WE MUST HAVE A TRUE TESTIMONY; I once had an unbeliever as a secretary who heard the Gospel from a Christian organization. She took one look at their lives and walked away - not hearing and understanding the Gospel.

139. WHAT IS HAPPENING: *"The point is that people are looking outside Christianity for meaning and transcendence. What has changed? Jesus Christ hasn't. But the Church has. Choosing to stay tucked away from the world, modern Christianity has all but fallen into a black hole."* Quote from *Truth Under Fire* page 71 by John Whitehead.

140. NOT EFFECTIVE: I know a person who does not go to church because the church does not do what she believes. Why join something that is organized to fail or is not going anywhere? I had a friend who left an apparently good church because, though doing good things, the church was not going anywhere.

This is so they can continue investigation of the Bible to the degree they can and help each other in the Tribulation.

EXPECTATIONS

Old Testament Israel when warned during her apostasy and falling away, did not change what she was doing. As a result the judgment came without recourse. In like manner, few churches, even knowing of these cause-source problems that cause them to disobey, most likely will not change. Thus, they will undergo the judgment in the coming Tribulation. They will be caught aware and blind sided when the calamity of the Tribulation comes without warning.

In not obeying what they know, they are not enduring and having sound doctrine. Through their disobedience, they may have spiritual eyes that cannot see and spiritual ears that do not hear. Most churches, based on what happened to Israel in the Old Testament in similar circumstances, will not respond to this Watchman Warning (see below) until after they obey what they now know to do and are not doing it. In most cases, this is unlikely because then leaders must admit doing wrong. They most likely do not know how to do what is right to do.. Only then, God more likely will take away their spiritual blindness and deafness and allow them to obey the Watchman's Warning. What will your Church and I do?

Will your people, including your children and young people, be caught blind sided without warning and preparation when the endtimes Tribulation's calamity comes. Please train, inform, and warn your people. Work hard with the children and youth. Do not be a church whose people will be caught blind sided and unprepared. Will you be caught blind sided?

WATCHMAN WARNING (Repeated for major emphasis)

Warning, signs and conditions now signal the Tribulation can come at any time. Then our training time and living in freedom will be gone forever. Only God knows the timing. It could come now or in the next few to many years. We can pray for more time to train our children and youth.

Clearly understand that Church and family leadership by not carrying out God's will to mature His people and to do area-wide evangelism, are primarily responsible for the coming of the endtimes Tribulation.

Do urgent self evaluation and make needed changes even if we get ten more years. Mature your people, especially your children and youth, with urgency, while you still can in freedom. Train to gain maturity and avoid using loud dominant beat music. It takes time to train. Place your people into small groups. We would be blessed in we get ten more years in order to accomplish the training. But what if we do not? Put in some provisions to get through the calamity. Otherwise you can be caught blind-sided when the calamity comes. See my prophecy reports for what to do and what can happen. It is not going to be pleasant.

THUS, MY ADVICE: Because we do not know the timing of the coming Tribulation and because signs signal it can come at any time, my suggestion is that we establish small groups, get out of the Church Growth Movement, and then:

(1) with urgency, prepare (both spiritually and provisionally) now, for whenever the Tribulation comes, for the worst of a soon-coming calamity beginning the Tribulation;

(2) have a plan, the best plan we can understand, for getting through the calamity;

(3) urgently now double and triple our ministry efforts to mature our people with an emphasis of training our children and youth because our training time will be soon truncated and our children and youth will be educated satanically by the state in the Tribulation; and

(4) with the others (1, 2, and 3) in place, keeping alert to the trends and happenings, live and minister without anxiety as if the times will continue long term. But understanding only God knows when the Tribulation will come.

BOTTOM LINE: Get out of the Church Growth Movement and pursue maturity in Christ and prepare for the soon-coming endtimes. Learn and train to live as Christ lives. Prepare to know and relate to God in His fulness and depth in eternity, Apart from this, there is nothing. Do not be caught blind sided as the calamity comes that will bring in the endtimes Tribulation.

APPENDICES

MAIN-IDEA SAMPLE TOPICS FOR CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES CURRICULUM; EACH TOPIC HAS MUCH DEPTH-BREADTH

(Many More Topics Can Be Added and May Be Needed)

- * God's Goal: Become Mature in High-skill Spiritual Ability in Christ-likeness in Relationship Living
- * Head-subordinate Relationships; Building Strong Families Learning to Live Life Patterned after the Father and Son Relationship (This Is Most Needed.)
- * Must Die to Self So God Can Work.
- * Christ in Us and We in Him. Apart from Christ and God, We Can Do Nothing. We must Abide in the Vine.
- * Life under the Holy Spirit's Leading, Filling, and Indwelling
- * Living by Faith; Claiming and Using the Promises; Have Strong Faith to Stand Strong in Christ When in Persecution: Living by Faith, We Live Without Sin and We Receive New Revelation from God.
- * Living Testing's, Trials, and Sufferings That Develop Our Faith
- * Living by Sacrificial Love That Keeps God's Commandments to Know God's Heart and to Live Holy and righteously.
- * Having a Pure Heart and Living by Hope That Keeps One Pure Free from Immorality
- * Living Necessary Attitudes, Character Qualities, and Doctrines

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- * Having a Strong Prayer Life; Having Good Communication with God
- * Living God's Way under Spiritual Warfare, Avoiding Satan's Strategies
- * Learning to Teach, Lead, Witness, and Evangelize
- * Establishing and Operating Small Home Groups
- * Recognizing and Correcting Spiritual and Marriage-Family Problems; Counseling
- * Methods That Develop Our Personal Walk with God

There are more. (I am available to give seminars and teachings of these topics.)

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