

Hebrews 2:9

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

I have really been thinking about the church in the age of COVID-19, if the Lord tarries, that is what this period of time is going to be called, the age of COVID. How is the church going to be viewed in the age of COVID?

We know how Jesus wants the church to look in the age of COVID:

Matt. 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

He is not expecting His church to be some wilting flower in the age of COVID. "But we see Jesus..." I can't allow COVID to allow me to get my eyes off of Jesus. I cannot allow personal tragedy to get my eyes off of Jesus. I cannot allow personal disappointment to get my eyes off of Jesus. "BUT WE SEE JESUS..."

We can't allow life and circumstances and other people's bad decisions to get our eyes off of Jesus.

Isa. 45:21-23

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Heb. 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Keep looking to Jesus! He will never leave us or forsake us!

Isa. 29:13

13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Being separated from each other, and being unable to congregate in the house of God together, the Lord is looking at us in our homes as we gather to have church, to see how far our hearts have drifted from Him.

Isa. 29:15-16

15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

COVID-19, very well may have turned the way we congregate upside down, but our children should not see the way we look at Jesus and the way we look at the church be turned upside down.

COVID didn't do this; if we have turned things upside down, we have done this.

We need to always remember our Apostolic responsibility. We all have a responsibility to be Apostolic. Apostolic in doctrine, Apostolic in appearance, Apostolic in character, Apostolic in lifestyle... Let's be Apostolic! We can be; we will be, if we keep looking unto Him!!!

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