

The Importance of Your Pastor

Rom. 10:14-15

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

In the not too distant future, we will finally be allowed to leave our houses and get on with our lives. Some will return to work; some will return to church. I hope I am wrong, but I am concerned about what the state of the Apostolic Church in the post COVID-19 world will be.

I really don't want to be T.M.I., but last night I was unable to use my waterpik and made sure I brushed my teeth very well and really swished the mouthwash in my mouth longer than usual. This morning, when I was able to use the Waterpik, I was amazed at what was coming out from in between my teeth and from under my gums after less than 24 hours.

As I was watching the events taking place with my mouth, I couldn't help but think about the importance of the man of God in our lives. We are living in a day that people want to be their own priest and set their own boundaries; make their own rules if you please.

We have got to have a man of God in our lives. There are no ifs ands or buts about it.

Titus 1:3

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

Jer. 17:9

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

We need a man of God that will be able to use the Word of God to get the "gunk" out of it in the areas of our lives that need improvement--the attitudes that we have that are just flat wrong.

We can't be our own priest; we're not qualified to be our own priest. We'll blow it if we are our own priest.

2Tim. 4:2-3

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Why do we not reprove ourselves or rebuke ourselves until after the red and blue lights are flashing behind our car?

I am concerned that there are going to be precious saints of God that are going to be emerging from their homes thinking, "I did pretty well on my own. I haven't been in church in so long that does it really matter if I go back or not?" "Look at everyone else that says they live for God from home."

We need a man of God that will preach to us; we need a man of God that will reprove us if necessary, rebuke us if we need it, and exhort us when the time requires it.

Heb. 13:7

7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Heb. 13:17

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

It is my sincere hope, prayer, and desire that a fresh love for the preacher gets ahold of the Apostolic Church. That a fresh appreciation of the man of God grips us like it has never gripped us before.

Wouldn't it be something if a fresh love for the preacher and the job he does gets ahold of us like it never has before?

Preacher, preach to me, preacher, preach to me . . .

RPS