

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 (PASTOR'S DAY)
"PASTORS ACCORDING TO MINE HEART"
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Thank you, Melvin!

It has been very heart-warming and a true privilege, indeed receiving your calls, written correspondences and verbal expressions of deep admiration and esteem for our talented Choir, Band, Orchestra and various vocal and instrumental groups, who diligently participate in the musical portion of our weekly telecasts. However, no matter how awesome their performances or presentations may be, remember that paramount and above all else on these telecasts is the inspiring "Word of God," for it not only "quenches one's thirst," it is the very "staff of life, itself," and truly, "food for the hungry soul."

Often times people unwarily become attached to a preacher, a pastor, a priest, or a minister, far more than Jesus. This, in my opinion, can lead to unwarranted situations, which can result in great personal disappointments, such as we have occasionally witnessed in the news media. Man is weak; man fails, but you can be sure, JESUS NEVER FAILS. The star of our weekly telecasts, viewers, is certainly, JESUS, and you should always hang your laurels upon Him. Therefore, with that thought in mind, my sermon today is entitled, "**PASTORS ACCORDING TO MINE HEART,**"

Pastors are very important instruments in the Lord's Gospel Work, and that is the focus of today's sermon. They are responsible for the saving of souls, and the saving of even one soul, in the name of Jesus Christ, causes all Heaven to rejoice.

Today we celebrate "Pastor's Day," and pay special recognition to Christian Pastor's everywhere, who accentuate Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." This scripture points to Christian Pastor's everywhere who are standing on God's Word, His Commandments, and the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The term "Pastor" refers to a Spiritual Overseer or Clergyman serving as a Pastor or Shepherd of God's Body, the Church. They provide Spiritual guidance and care toward the God's holy congregation. Their calling is a notable calling and profession, with exceptionally high duties and responsibilities, to personally care for the Lord's Body of Believers.

Jesus Christ warned His Pastors and disciples that the journey's ultimate fulfillment is going to be difficult, and they must go through much tribulation, to enter into the Kingdom of God. In the first church, Jewish believers who were suffering persecution could not understand it. In the past, obedience to God was always rewarded by blessing and prosperity, not suffering. However, Paul reminded them that Jesus Christ

had taught that belief in Him would cost them much. Jesus Christ Himself suffered much, and He foretold His disciples that they would suffer too.

Jesus Christ provides His Pastors and disciples these wonderful promises in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

With this in mind, I Timothy 4: 9-12 adds, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

A Pastor is a role model for Christ Jesus, to impart His truth in what we say, and what we do. Each action must be founded in love and guided by God's Holy Spirit, and must reflect a genuine sincerity, and Spiritual concern for God's wonderful People. In I Timothy, Chapter 4, Verse 13, Jesus Christ instructs His Pastors, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

He encourages them to give attendance to three things, 1) To reading God's Word with Spiritual understanding, and to apply Spiritual wisdom to its interpretation, having a good foreknowledge of the Lord's Church and Body of Believers...2) To Exhortation, which advises Pastors to strongly urge their congregation in the things pertaining to God's Word, and to provide clear and advanced warnings of the things to come regarding heaven and hell... And 3) To Doctrine, which is written in God's Word, and that which we need in daily portions to enable us to faithfully follow in His footsteps.

Jeremiah 4:14-15 goes on to say, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." It is God's Holy Spirit within His Pastors that inspires, teaches, guides, steers, leads and comforts so that they will become wonder working Spiritual instruments, and be profitable within the Body of Christ.

And finally, Jeremiah 4:16 further says, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." God's Word Spiritually motivates His Pastors to be attentive when performing His Will, and declaring His doctrinal truths. In doing so, both the Pastor and the congregation will be saved, and blessed in the Lord's outreach efforts.

I Peter 2:21-23 provides additional instruction, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

Jesus Christ submitted Himself entirely to His Father's will, even the agony of the cross. God has the final say. His victory sign over evil was flashed throughout human history in the person of the risen Jesus Christ. I Peter 2:24-25 relates, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

If there were no stripes, there would be no healing for body and soul. Though there be earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, famines, pestilences, plagues, wars, and rumors of war, dear television viewers, your faith in Christ Jesus will be a blessing within you to know that He will never leave you or forsake you, and He will deliver you in time of trouble.

"Not a hair of your head will be harmed." When Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, He didn't suppress what He had to say. He always spoke out front, and openly to all mankind, often treading on dangerous ground without fear, and without compromise.

Mark 1:14-15 emphasizes the Gospel saying, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel."

The Gospel is the Good News that, "Jesus Saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus Baptizes With The Holy Ghost And With Fire, and Jesus Is Coming Soon," and much sooner than many think. The question is, "Are you prepared to meet Jesus Christ, when He comes in clouds of glory?" And, you are the only one who can answer this most important question.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached directly to the Jews whose hearts had been pricked saying, "What must we do?" Peter's response is offered in Acts Chapter 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The Lord Jesus Christ confirmed Peter's response to the Jews by blessing His ministry with 3000 souls, as stated in Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about 3000 souls."

The people of Samaria believed Phillip's preaching, concerning the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ. Thus, they too, were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Someone may ask, "Where did Phillip get the only formula for water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ?" No doubt, it came when God's Holy Spirit was outpoured in the upper room in Jerusalem, and Peter delivered the greatest altar call of all time in Acts 2:38. At the church of Caesarea, Peter preached Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, and the Holy Ghost fell on all that heard God's Word.

Baptism followed immediately in Acts 10:47-48, "Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." It should be noted that the Holy Ghost cannot remove the sin from anyone. Remission of sins only comes when we are baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Jesus Christ is the only life-giving Savior for mankind in this lost and dying world.

Members of the churches at Philippi, Corinth, Ephesus and Galatia were baptized into Christ, according to Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." The Colossians, in Chapter 2, Verse 12, were baptized in His name, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

Jesus Christ preached to Nicodemus in John Chapter 3:5, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

The name of Jesus Christ is without exception the only Bible formula for water baptism, and saving way according to God's Word. Therefore, being immersed in water in the name of Jesus Christ fulfills being born again of water, and speaking in an unknown tongue or language fulfills being born again of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:12 confirms the name of Jesus Christ in baptism, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

It is critical to understand that the scripture in Matthew 28:19 points readers to the name of Jesus Christ, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name...Jesus...of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The terms Father, Son and Holy Ghost are titles which point to the name of Jesus Christ as the only saving name to be used for the salvation of one's soul. Then too, the phrase, "In the Name," is given in reference to the name of Jesus Christ, because the name of the Father is Jesus, the name of the Son is Jesus, and the name of the Holy Spirit is Jesus.

The name and authority of Jesus Christ is confirmed in Colossians 2:9, "For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Today's sermon is being presented with the same assurance from the Lord Jesus Christ, as when He spoke to His disciples to prepare them for the tough times ahead. He said, Come and follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." He offered them the exciting prospect of realizing their Spiritual potential as never before, and that nothing is impossible with God.

He held before them love, mercy, and compassion, and a life more enriching than they had ever experienced. He held before them an appreciation for their own worth-while-ness that they would find most satisfying. He held before them a lively hope for the future, more abiding than they had ever known.

Titus 2:13-14 puts it this way, "Looking for that blessed hope, and that glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Many Pastors offer sermons on the many authors and founders of various religions ...Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed, and others who have died, including Jesus Christ among them. However, Jesus Christ is the only one who rose from the dead, proving that He holds the power over death, hell and the grave...being exalted by God, and made into a High Priest.

Jesus Christ preached in Matthew 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men, for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." He also added that His Pastors would be cast into prison and brought to trial before kings and governors and even religious leaders.

However, He promised them in Luke 21:18-19, "But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls." Patience, endurance, and faith can save lives...Knowing tribulation worketh patience, and from patience, experience; and from experience, hope.

Jesus Christ does not call His Pastors to withdraw from this tainted, sin-cursed, devil-may-care-world. Rather, Jesus Christ calls them into the fullness of life; right where they are, and whoever they are. Jesus Christ calls His Pastors into the fullness of life through give-and-take, and rough-and-tumble experiences in real-world situations, through laughter and tears, and through joys and sorrows.

After the resurrection, a life time commitment was echoed by the Pastors and disciples of Jesus Christ, "For the name of the Lord Jesus I am prepared, not only for imprisonment, but for death as well."

God has given His Pastors a mission to perform, a work to be done, a goal to be achieved, and a victory to be won as we read in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Jesus Christ says, "Take my hand, and I will help you." In life's crises, people always turn to someone or something for comfort and strength. Many turn to the world, and to their friends for help. But His Pastors and Spiritually wise men and women of today turn to Jesus Christ to find in Him the solution to every problem situation.

Jesus Christ is, 1) The Comforter for all our sorrows; 2) The Strength for all our weaknesses; 3) The Answer to every question; and 4), The Solution to every problem.

One day Jesus Christ sorrowfully turned to His disciples and said, "Will ye also go away?" And Peter, who had said many wrong things, wisely said on this occasion in John 6:68-69, "...Lord to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We can come to Jesus Christ and ask Him to help us bear each burden and resolve every problem. Some may lose interest when called upon to give of themselves, while others might abandon Jesus Christ for other things. But thank God for His faithful Pastors and believers who remain true to Him today above all else.

Jesus Christ encourages everyone in John 6:27, "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." The Spiritual things in life are most important, and will out last the material things of the world as described by Paul in I Timothy 4:8, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Let us turn our footsteps daily into the Lord's House, to faithfully serve Him, and to keep on believing His promise given in the sign message above The Apostolic Faith Church Temple in Hawaii, that reads, "Jesus Coming Soon." We have what we have today, because the Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us with many things, and we ought to return our love, lives and obedience back to Him in generous portions.

Jesus Christ beckons to His Pastors in Matthew 10:8, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

Please remember to extend a "Happy Pastor's Day," greeting to your Pastor, and thank him for sharing his love and service in accordance with the heart of God.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Pastor Billy Han, Jr., expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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