



**Once Upon
A Dream**



The Only Thing That Matters

- Galatians 6:14 But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the **world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.** 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the **only thing that matters is a new creation** 16 And all who will behave in accordance with **this rule,** peace and mercy be on them, and on the Israel of God.
- This new creation has a NEW IDENTITY, A NEW PURPOSE



Hello, Love!

- Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus **neither circumcision nor uncircumcision** carries any weight—**the only thing that matters is faith working through love.**
- So, what does it mean to be a New Creation?
- Someone whose faith in and absolute dependence on Jesus and His life living inside, is now empowered to love like Jesus loves.



The Only Thing That Matters

- Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an **opportunity to indulge your flesh** (*not about you now*)
- **but through love serve one another.**
- 14 For the whole law can be summed up in a single commandment, namely, “You must love your neighbor as yourself.”
- Let Jesus Love through you, **it is the only thing that matters**



Dream On

- Earlier this week, I had a very vivid dream
- Kinda vague now, but I was part of a group of people who were either playing some sort of game or part of some sort of supervised psych experiment
- At the very end, it seems that I won the game or finished the experiment when this message was given to me:
- Neither Republican or Democrat counts for anything, the only thing that matters is faith working through love.



Urgent Message for the Body

- 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may proclaim the virtues of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 You once were not a people, but now you are God's people. You were shown no mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you as foreigners and exiles to keep away from fleshly desires that do battle against the soul
- [*we have a King, we belong to His Kingdom*]



We Have Also Learned ...

- The Church is Christ on Earth
- We are members of His Body, and HE is our HEAD
- Our citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- Either Of God or Of the World 1 Jn:5:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:20 – We are Ambassadors for Christ
- What is an Ambassador and What is their role?



Ephesians 2 - WOW

¹⁹ So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are **fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household,** ²⁰ because you have been built^[ah] on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,^[ai] with Christ Jesus himself as^[aj] the cornerstone.^[ak] ²¹ In him^[al] the whole building,^[am] being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



2 Chronicles 7:14, Right?

- If My People, who are called by my name...
- Will form a political action committee, and register people to vote, and get people elected who will pass laws to force people to behave like Christians even if they aren't
- And start posting inflammatory possibly fake distorted info on line to increase outrage, drive fear, stir up people to behave in disrespectful and un-Christlike ways towards others ...
- Then I will hear from Heaven and heal their Land ????????



Do You NOT Understand?

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 **If 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.
- The reason our country is in crisis is because of a massive, profound **failure of the Body of Christ to be the Body of Christ**
- Live by Faith working through Love
- That is ALL THAT MATTERS!!!



This Has Got to Stop NOW

- I don't have any influence over other churches around here, or around America or over the political process
- But I do have some influence and authority here, and I have also worked in the political arena, and I am urging you to please not waste any more energy or hope in any kind of political leader or party (vote but PRAY for the winner)
- Politics is a part of the world system and it is designed to GUT Kingdom values and hijack what's left in service to worldly power



Quick Example

- Recognize this? “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”
- Why was this phrase the first part of the first amendment to the US Constitution?
- **TO PROTECT CHRISTIANS FROM OTHER CHRISTIANS!!!!**
- Colonists came to America to avoid persecution from members of other – often state sponsored – churches
- Didn't want it to happen here!!!



Because From the 1500s

- Different factions formed by the Protestant Reformation, not to mention Roman Catholics, were actively **waging war on each other** and various religious leaders were intent on getting kings and other leaders to give them preferred treatment and government funding so they could control and marginalize people who didn't believe like they did.
- This ALWAYS happens when believers look to politics for their protection instead of focusing on faith working through love!



Holy Heartbreak

- I am heartbroken now as I see sincere but tragically naïve precious brothers and sisters in Christ passionately put their faith in a person and a system of this world, believing that this is what will protect us from the devices and attacks of the evil one.
- Will the system of this world – being rocked to sleep by the evil one – ever promote, protect or advance the Kingdom of God?
- Do we need the system of this world to protect us when we serve the King of Kings?



Dream or Nightmare?

- Neither Republican or Democrat counts for anything
- THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE
- That is the essence of the Constitution of the Kingdom of God, and that is what deserves our full devotion at this critical moment
- We need more disciples who love like Jesus loves, by His life and power, making more disciples, by His life and power
- Maybe God will still heal our land



Good News!, YOU Are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY