

## **Kingdom or Church**

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Before we get into today's message, I want to share something with you that I wanted to talk about a few weeks ago, but at the time, I felt like I had more important things to talk about - like how Jesus, how Yeshua fulfilled the 6 aspects of Daniel 9:24 - and how that makes Him King of kings and Lord of lords. I was so excited to show how those 6 aspects were fulfilled in the first century - and show them right from the Scripture.

But anyway, about a month ago, the weekend was what United States citizens call Memorial Day weekend. I was just kind of lounging around not doing too much so I turned on the Internet and tuned into the Indianapolis 500 race.

I don't remember if they had a rain delay, or it was a tape delay interview, but they had several of the drivers on there talking about how grateful they were to be in America and have the freedom to drive their race cars in that race. They talked about the soldiers who died - gave their lives - so they could race their cars. Hmmm. Really?

I turned over to a golf event that was also taking place on that day and I listened for a few minutes as some of the golfers were being interviewed - and they even stopped the golf tournament for a moment of silence. The golfers that were being interviewed talked about how grateful they were that men and women had given their lives so that they could play the game they love so much. Hmmm. Really?

So, men and women, sons and daughters, give their lives so people can drive race cars in circles and hit balls into holes. That's the value of people's lives in America in 2019? Do they even think about what they are saying? I sat there just stone faced cold as I listened to those men who make millions of dollars playing games and racing cars - and they have the nerve to thank a Dad for giving his son's life so he could race a car or hit a golf ball? Or thank a grieving Mom for giving her daughter's life so someone she doesn't even know can hit a golf ball into a hole in the ground?

The citizens of the United States kingdom seem to be perfectly fine with sacrificing their children so others can play games. That seems so strange to me.

The false kingdoms of men have for many years been perfecting their control of the people who submit to their domain. As I have stated before, they have devised many different ways to enslave people into their systems. Legally, economically, politically - but nothing more effectively than - religiously. Their mind control techniques seem to

be complete when Moms and Dads will willingly sacrifice their sons and their daughters for the sake of their countries. For the sake of their hero athletes who can catch and throw balls or hit balls or run with balls.

I'm by far from the first one to ever say that religious deception and religious control is the greatest of deceptions. Countless others have made those claims before. But, it's true. Those who have had the ability to twist the Scriptures into things they were never intended to say - and then make people believe them - provide men's governments with the easiest and the greatest control over those who they intend to dominate.

Over the last year, I have endeavored to pour through the Word of God and challenge you to prove - from the Word - that the Scriptures clearly teach that All Bible Prophecy was Fulfilled in Christ - in the First Century. Over that course of time - I've heard from people who have said things like, "I listened to your messages, for the purpose of proving you wrong - but I could not." I received correspondence from people who said, "I have never heard anyone teach that All Bible Prophecy was Fulfilled in Christ, in the First Century, but the more I look at it, the more I see that is what the Scriptures teach." I had a man say to me, "The conclusion of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy, that Christ is King Now - is more revolutionary than the Reformation."

I've had a few people that said some pretty nasty things to me about Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the present day reality of the Kingdom of God - only to come back later and make a 180 degree turn into not just accepting the truth - but becoming a great advocate for the truth. Praise God.

Years ago, I had a man in my home who sat down at the table and began talking to me about the quote unquote "rapture." Now, if I come to your home, and you talk about the quote unquote "rapture" - I'm not going to dispute you - at least not until you ask me my opinion. If I'm in your home, and you ask me, then I'm going to tell you. But, if you are in my home, with my wife and children listening, and you start talking about a "rapture" or a "future kingdom" - then I'm going to take charge of the conversation. And that's exactly what happened many years with this man who came over for a visit and started talking "rapture."

As I began to share with him Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the present day reality of the Kingdom of God, I could see one word going in one ear and right out the other. I mean it was if I had begun talking to him in Chinese and he just couldn't understand one word I was saying. The conversation was kind. But boy was it one-sided - and he clearly did not understand a single thing I was trying to say.

Then, it was almost a year to the day, I got a phone call. And I recognized the voice on the other end - but he said - "Hey Charlie, do you remember me? This is Dave." I said, "Sure, I remember you." He was so excited and I wasn't sure whether to share in the excitement or not, but he said, "Do you remember when I was at your house and you were trying to show me that Bible Prophecy has already been fulfilled?" I said, "Sure do." Then he said, "Well, I get it. I understand exactly what you were trying to say."

Man, that was all kinds of fun. To see a grown man have the deception of the religious churchmen fall from his eyes and hear that he has accepted the Word of God for exactly what it says - you just can't beat that.

My own Dad used to be as staunch a Baptist futurist, rapturist kind of man as there ever was - but the day my Dad came to me and told me that he understands it - was a red-letter day for me. I've seen many people - grown men and women in their 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and even 70s - come to the understanding that All Bible Prophecy was fulfilled in Christ - and that the conclusion is that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords - now.

Understand that these people I'm talking about were at one time - ALL - rapturists, future kingdom advocates - and they saw the truth and embraced and came out of the deception to the glory of God.

Then again, I still hear from people who say they have never heard the message that the Christ has already come and did all that He was supposed to do - and is now the reigning, conquering King of kings and Lord of lords. Meaning this - if a man has never heard that message - he has never heard the Gospel. If he has never heard the Gospel, I don't care how much religion he has, he is lost and is in need of the Saviour and King.

Is it reasonable to think, that if Christ is King now, then those who oppose His reign, would do everything possible to convince as many people as possible - that He is not King now? And furthermore, that God has commanded that people obey men - instead of His Son the King?

Not only is it reasonable to believe that, but the signs of it are everywhere. Deception is everywhere in this world and it begins at birth and continues all throughout life - and it is done for one purpose - and one purpose only - to make people believe that the Kingdom of God does not exist today. I don't care what the deception is, whether, legal, economic, spiritual - it is for one purpose. To war against the concept of "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto

you."

So, no wonder so few people have heard of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - that leads to the conclusion of the King and His Kingdom.

The deception begins right there. That's the foundational deception from which all deception springs. Remove, alter, change the understanding of the King, then the proper understanding of the Kingdom will be lost - then enslavement of mankind results.

It is truly amazing to see men and women cheer and applaud and even cry over their supposed freedoms that their manmade governments deceive them into thinking they have. When the clear reality is that there is so little freedom in this country - just about the only thing left that's truly free is breathing.

This past week, I read an article online about a Colorado town that has passed - what they call an "ordinance" that will fine a bicyclist \$500 for driving over 15 miles per hour. I wonder what the fine is for running too fast? That will be next. In America, you have to ask for permission from some form of government to do virtually everything you want to do. Friends, license and liberty are the exact opposite. You don't have license and liberty at the same time. "Freedom" in America is a myth. It's deception. Of course, you have freedom in America so long as you pay for it, so long as you get permission to have it. Those great intellectual proponents of freedom will look at you with a straight face and declare - "freedom isn't free."

Now before someone thinks - if Charlie doesn't like it - he can leave America. I say, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. I was born on this soil just like most people were and I have every bit as much quote unquote "right" to live and believe the way I do - as anyone else does. Just because I have chosen a different King than most - and I choose to follow a different set of Laws than most - that does not mean that I have to leave the land of my birth. How dare someone say such a thing? Shame on anyone who would say such a thing about someone born on this soil. Just because you were born somewhere, does not automatically make you a servant or slave to whoever calls themself master.

It was not that way hundreds of years ago. Before the deception set in, men knew that free men had a choice as to who they would associate with and who they would assemble with. We've completely lost - due to deception - religious deception - exactly what the quote unquote "right to assemble" and the "right to associate" means.

Without a doubt - at least in my mind - the greatest deception of all is that Christ has not yet come. That He's coming in the future at some mythical event called a "rapture" - then a tribulation period of 7 years sets in to bring in unparalleled suffering on the world - then a limited 1,000 year kingdom is supposed to be set up where a christ will supposedly rule the world with a rod of iron - to the extreme that no matter what the inner thought of a man may be, he must do right or die. This is the age where the saving grace of the true Christ is cast to the trash heap. But nonetheless, that's what taught.

Futurism is the number one deception in this world today.

Following right behind - because you really can't have one without the other - but following right behind the deception of futurism is the deception concerning the English word "church." I have made this statement repeatedly. The English word "church" should not be in our English Bibles - and when you find out it's true origins - you might just conclude that the word should not cross our lips as followers of Christ.

Many people will say, but we know what the quote unquote "church" really is. So as long as we know what it really is, we can just interchange the word and all will be well. Friends, this isn't the same as the arguments concerning whether we should say God or Yahweh, or Jesus or Yeshua. Most everyone today, at least in America, would understand the word God to mean the God of the Bible. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of Daniel and Jeremiah. Of John the Baptist and the disciples.

Of course the day is coming - much sooner than people want to believe - but the God of Islam is not the God of the Bible. Allah and Yahweh are not the same. But for the most part, when discussing the God of the Bible - the Authorized Bible, the Geneva Bible, the New American Standard, whichever you want to discuss - when using the word God - we know what we are talking about.

But the same cannot be said about the word "church."

In 1525, William Tyndale was the first man to translate the Hebrew and the Textus Receptus of the Greek into English. He - quite accurately - did not translate the Greek word ekklesia as "church." No honest translator would ever translate the word ecclesia as church. Why?

Please turn to Matthew 16. We have read this passage of Scripture several times before, and we'll do it again this morning - beginning in verse 1.

[1] The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

[2] He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

[3] And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

Stop right here for just a second. How many times in your life, have you heard the phrase "signs of the times" or "sign of the times?" We've all heard it. Many times we've heard. And it's always in reference to supposed Bible prophecy being fulfilled today. But here is the origination of the phrase - and it is clearly used in reference to that generation of the first century. If a man is using the phrase "signs of the times" in making people believe that - and it's usually associated with something bad - the reason bad things are occurring is because it is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy - then that is deception. It is not correct to use the phrase "signs of the times" in other usage other than with the first century. Verse 4,

[4] A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign;

Again. This is proof. Now if someone tries to say, "But, it could refer to another time and place." Ok. Then that person is adding to the words of Christ. Because the words of Christ limit this phrase to the generation of people He was speaking to.

and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

[5] And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

[6] Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

[7] And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

[8] Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

[9] Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

[10] Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

[11] How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning

bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

[12] Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

So, they could understand this and apply it to themselves in the first century - but other parts of this text are supposed to be understood as future. Doesn't make a bit of sense. Verse 13.

[13] When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

[14] And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

[15] He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

[16] And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

We've talked about this before. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter didn't say you are Jesus. Or, you are Yeshua. He said, "You are the fulfillment of every single thing prophesied from Moses to Malachi to John the Baptist and all points in between.

Listen, this man was not "sons of God" plural. This man was not, to as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." This was

[6] For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

[8] The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

This was THE Son of God, the Saviour of the World, the Messiah, the King of Israel. Verse 17.

[17] And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

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

I understand that our English Bibles print the word "church" here in Matthew 16:18. But I am telling you that men - with the purpose to deceive, alter, change, nullify the King and the Kingdom - purposely put the word "church" here to make people believe that King and Kingdom are not for today.

The use of the word "church" was in several English Bibles prior to the 1611 King James, but with the King James Bible, the king of England, through Richard Bancroft, called the archbishop of Canterbury, actually put in writing as one of the 15 Rules for translation, that the English word originally used by Tyndale - congregation - could not be used in the King James Bible - but instead no other word but "church" was to be used.

In Matthew 16:18, the Greek word is ecclesia. Remember now that this is the word used by the Messiah - I will build my ecclesia - and this is the word he used over 2,000 years ago - in the first century. What did that word mean back then? When Peter had that word spoken to him - what was his understanding of that word?

Go find yourself a dictionary that is not exclusively religious in nature. For instance, do an Internet search for the Free Dictionary by Farlex. Then look up the word ecclesia. Here is what you will find. The number one definition of the word ecclesia in the American Heritage Dictionary:

*The political assembly of citizens of an ancient Greek state.*

When Christ spoke to Peter in Matthew 16, He was talking about His Government. His Kingdom.

Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

He was not talking about a weekend social organization. He was not talking about



something that would replace the Jewish synagogue. If He had been, He would have used the word "synagogueay." If He was talking about a meeting place or a building, He would possibly have used the words "kuriakos oykos" the Lord's temple - but He did not - He used the word ecclesia - which is nothing but a political term designating the assembly for the purpose of legislation. He used the word He used because it was totally consistent with everything else the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God was sent to do - in that first century. Verse 19:

[19] And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

I will give unto thee the keys to the front door of the church house. No, the keys of the Kingdom.

It was the Messiah's full intention to begin building His Kingdom in fulfillment of Isaiah 9 and Peter was the first one chosen to begin preaching that Kingdom. Peter knew exactly what Christ was commissioning him to do. This is why Peter's bold preaching found in Acts was what it was - in the face of his own persecution and possible execution, Peter preached

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

This is why Peter - in the face of beatings and persecutions and jailings - boldly stated that in His name - in His authority have we done these things.

This is why it was said of the Apostles in Acts 17:

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

[7] Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

[8] And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

Do you realize friends, that it was this very same Caesar, that had just a short time prior to Acts 17 - had taken this Jesus - and allowed him to be crucified. This Caesar had the

power of life and death over the Apostles of Christ - but they obeyed another King, One Jesus. After the resurrection of Christ, all doubt had been removed from those men as to Who this Jesus was and what His mission was - Who sent Him - and they were about the King's business building the Kingdom. They were not about building weekend social organizations, they were about building the Kingdom of God.

Why would earthly kings insist on the word "church" instead of "kingdom?" Or Government? It's simple. "Churches" operate under the authority of governments and earthly kings. If the word was translated "Kingdom" or "Assembly" then it could be easily understood that Christ is King and there is no room for earthly kings.

It is no wonder that an earthly king would create deception with people who at that time - many of them were just beginning to learn to read.

For many years prior to that time, earthly kings ruled by the sword and their Latin speaking mouthpieces would tell people that this was the Will of God. To the point where - and I just can't believe anyone would believe and promote the concept of the "divine right of kings." My goodness, people, go and research some of the atrocities that past earthly kings have done to people because they believed they had a "divine right" as a quote unquote "king" to do whatever they wanted, to whomever they wanted, whenever they wanted.

The concept is revolting to me. In the New Covenant World, God is no respecter of persons and neither should we be. Let every soul be subject - not to earthly kings and earthly governments - but to God. Every soul be subject.

So, now, when the English Bible was becoming available for common people, what they had been told for so many years - that playing "church" was the Will of God - and obeying earthly kings - instead of the King of kings - was the Will of God. They purposely used the word "church" instead of "Kingdom" or "Government" or "Assembly" or "Congregation" to make sure people would not find the truth.

Webster's 1828 dictionary spells it out as clearly as it can - the Greek word for "church" is kuriakos. It is not ecclesia. The word church comes from the Greek kuriakos - not from ecclesia. The words are as far apart as can be.

Kuriakos means a building that belongs to the Lord.

Through the years, I've come across people who see the problems associated with

churches in America. They'll say things like, "The church is the people, not the buildings." I understand their frustration and I understand what they want to ultimately conclude. But the truth is - the church IS a building. I've heard people say, "How can someone go to 'church'"? Again, I understand their frustration and I understand where they are driving at - but the truth is - church IS a building and a man can "go to church."

Now, don't misunderstand me, this morning. I'm not saying that it is wrong to have a place to gather for fellowship around the Word and to sing - not saying that at all. But that is not ecclesia. That is not what Christ was talking about in Matthew 16. He was talking about building His Kingdom. Which is a political movement. It's Government. It's His Government. It's His Kingdom on this earth. It is people who join themselves together for the purpose of creating communities whereby the Laws of God Govern the affairs of men. It is the greatest source of true freedom ever offered to mankind.

Man has at his fingertips, the opportunity for the more freedom - really - than what he could probably handle. More prosperity - probably than what he could handle. It's a system of Government that has a Law book that is barely 2 inches thick. Really simple. If it's not in the book, it isn't unlawful. There are basically 2 judgements for crime - restitution - in the amounts of 2 times, 4 times or 5 times - depending on the crime - or death. Easy. Restitution or the death penalty. The horror of it - the death penalty? Yeah, don't murder people, don't kidnap people, you know, don't commit capital crimes - and you will never have that judgement fall upon you. How hard is that? When was the last time you murdered someone? When was the last time you kidnapped someone? This isn't hard. The Laws of God are not burdensome. But when enacted, they bring life, liberty and prosperity.

This is what the Kingdom of God looks like. This is what Jesus Christ offers if we will submit to His Kingdom. Why in the world do we insist on our ways, our laws, our statues, our constitutions, our treaties? Volumes and volumes, stacks and stacks of don't do this, don't do that, pay this tax, pay this fine, pay this fee. What are we thinking?

We think this way because we have been deceived into believing that the King has not come. The Kingdom has not come. And we are bound to obey earthly kings, earthly governments and play church and be happy. Church promotes the concept of earthly kings. Church promotes the concept of the "divine right of kings." Church promotes the concept of republican and democrat. Church promotes the public policy of whatever earthly government the people choose for themselves - to the point where the Laws of God are valueless in society. No King. No Kingdom. No Law of God.

And this has happened because we have refused to believe simple words such as, "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled....these be the days of vengeance when all things which are written are fulfilled....The book of Revelation, ...things which must shortly come to pass... We have been deceived into believing that the King of I Peter 2 is an earthly king - even though our earliest English texts had the king as a capital K - meaning King Jesus.

So the same time they required the word church to be inserted where the Greek word is ecclesia - they messed up and forgot to make the King a small k in I Peter 2. Not to worry, though, they fixed it. Because they continually work their craft of deception, they changed the capital K to a small k - and advanced their deception for another couple hundred years.

I want to tell you that it was several years after I understood Fulfilled Bible Prophecy before I saw in the 1599 Geneva and in the original King James of 1611 where King was capitalized in I Peter 2. Of course, the context of I Peter 2 should make it clear who the King is in that chapter. But when those deceivers and all subsequent deceivers since changed the capitalized K to a small k - they may think they decapitated the King - but I'm telling you if, as the true people of God, will begin preaching the truth that the Kingdom of God is a present day reality - not a weekend social organization - we will turn this around. And it could be done very quickly.

Back to ecclesia. From the Collins English Dictionary:

1. *(Ecclesiastical Terms)* (in formal Church usage) a congregation
2. *(Historical Terms)* the assembly of citizens of an ancient Greek state

*From Random House Webster's:*

1. an assembly, esp. the popular assembly of ancient Athens.
2. a congregation; church.

As I've told you many times before, I was raised in the quote unquote "church." Never missed a Sunday or Wednesday, for the most part, in my life. I remember once, I must have been about 10 years old. We had been on what the quote unquote "churches" call an "activity" for the kids. This was a Saturday night. I don't remember what we did, but I do remember this much. The way this worked, was the parents would drop the kids off at the quote unquote "church building" - then all the kids would get on a

"quote unquote" church bus - and off we'd go to do something fun. Usually something like bowling or putt-putt. Those were actually fun times and for young Christians to get together and do things like that - I'm all for it. Anyway, when it was time to get back on the bus, some of the kids were rough housing in the back of the bus and I got my head sat on. And it wrenched my neck. I mean, I hurt so bad I don't know how my neck didn't get broken. I was really hurting. And this was a Saturdays night - Sunday quote unquote "church" was the next day. When I woke up that morning, I was in so much pain, I just couldn't go to quote unquote "church." So, my parents left me at home. To this day, I remember being so overcome with guilt because I missed going to quote unquote "church." And, to this day, I don't think I ever told anyone that because I missed quote unquote "church" I watched the Chicago Blackhawks on TV. I just thought that was a terrible sin that I missed quote unquote "church" because I nearly broke my neck - and then I watched a hockey game.

One Sunday morning, when I was in the ministry, we had temperatures in Indiana that were subzero, there was about 18 inches of snow on the ground - and my car wouldn't start. So guess what I did? I walked to the quote unquote "church building." One of my ears got frostbit and you can see the effects of that still today.

So with all my unbridled commitment to playing quote unquote "church" with 2 Bible colleges, 3 ministries - it was not until I left that paradigm - did I ever even know that the Greek word for "Church" was not ecclesia. That just blows my mind. How can this possibly be? Things so fundamental to the Christian faith - or what should be the Christian faith - and very few people know about it - even the so-called "preachers" of which I was one - I was guilty!

Around the fall of 1995, I met a man named Caleb Israel. I had been invited to speak at a conference in Oregon that year and Caleb was there. We hit it off right away because of our common views on the Kingdom of God. At that time, Caleb, even though he was firmly committed to the King and Kingdom - was still looking for a future second coming and Kingdom. I began to share Fulfilled Bible Prophecy with him. Back then, people wrote letters to each other. I think it may have taken one, maybe two letters for Caleb to grasp Fulfilled Bible Prophecy.

The same is said for another friend of mine that I met around the same time. When I met this man, he was wearing a sweatshirt that said, "I need no other Kingdom but God's, do you?" Shortly after we met, he embraced Fulfilled Bible Prophecy.

Anyway, back to Caleb. We began writing back and forth. And in the Fall of 1995, he sent me a letter in which he was talking about the word "church." Until that time, after all the religion and quote unquote "church" I had been exposed - this would be the first time I ever studied the word and it's origins.

In a booklet on my website, on the Books page, is a file called, "Which Law for You?" The letter, as well as several others that I received from Caleb are in this book. I would encourage you to read all of what he has to say. Today, I want to read an excerpt from one of Caleb's letters.

This is from the fall of 1995.

*Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our King. Thank you for your letter 2-10-95. You probably got my last letter the day or day after you mailed this one. It is indeed good to know there are others who share the belief in God's Kingdom Now. I believe God will someday bring all His people together.*

*[Some of] the colonies that were built (early in the settling of this land) were truly what the Christian Bible calls an ecclesia. The Apostles were not building churches as the Jewish theologians in the modern churches would like us to believe. Ecclesias are communities of believers, such as was in the early days of the Kingdom of Heaven in North America. It is God's people, working together for a common purpose - advancing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. In those communities were people of various trades. Most were farmers, some were carpenters, blacksmiths, merchantsmen, etc. Their economy was based on barter between one another. There were no imports of anything that could be manufactured at home.*

Skipping down a little, he wrote:

*"Church" comes from the old English and German word pronounced "Kerche." In Scotland it was "Kirk." The following entries are from the Oxford Universal English Dictionary: Church [old English cirice, circe; middle English, cherche, cerche; whence, churche, cherche etc.: - Greek, KURIKON]. "Kirk" the northern English and Scottish form of church, in all its senses. In the earlier Greek it was pronounced "Ku-ri-a-kos" or "Ku-ri-a-kon." The meaning of Kuriakos is understood by its root: "Kurios," which means "Lord." Thus "Kuriakos" (i.e. church) means pertaining to the "Lord." It refers to something that pertains to or belongs to, a Lord.*

*Webster's 1828 Dictionary says of church, a temple of God from Kuriakos, pertaining to a lord or our Lord Jesus Christ...1. a house consecrated to the worship of God, among Christians; the Lord's house. This seems to be the original meaning of the word... The Greek "Kuriakos" eventually came to be used in old English form as "cirice" (kee-ree-ke), then churche (kerke), and eventually "church" in the traditional pronunciation. A church then is correctly defined as something that pertains to or belongs to a lord.*

*Now let's look at the word "ecclesia," which the translators of the New Testament rendered "church." This Greek word appears in the New Testament approximately 115 times. In every instance except three, it was wrongly translated "church" in the King James Version. Those three exceptions are found in Acts 19:32, 39, 41. Here the translators rendered it "assembly" instead of their favorite word "church." But the Greek word is exactly the same as the other 112 entries where it was changed to "church" - wrongly.*

*In Acts 19, "ecclesia" is a town council; a civil body in Ephesus. Thus, the translators were forced to abandon their false translation in these three instances. Nonetheless, 112 times they changed it to "church." This fact has been covered up under centuries of misuse and ignorance. The Greek word "ecclesia" is correctly defined: "THE CALLED OUT (ONES)[ecc = out; kaleo = call]. [Editor's note: Strong's Concordance defines ecclesia as a christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both.] According to the Encyclopedia Britannica: "In the New Testament, "ecclesia" (signifying convocation) is the only single word used for "church." It (ecclesia) was the name given to the governmental assembly of the city of Athens, duly convoked (called-out) by proper officers and possessing all political power including even judicial functions."*

*Obviously in Greece this had no resemblance to a church. An "ecclesia" was a civil assembly in Athens before the writing of the New Testament. Quoting from the Oxford English Dictionary on the word ecclesia: "Ecclesia [medieval Latin, and Greek - a regularly convoked assembly, especially the general assembly of the Athenians. Later, the regular word for church." Thus two of the most prestigious word resources in the English Language confirm the fact than an ecclesia was originally a select civil body. Now as you can see, there is a major problem here. The translators broke the rules in a big way. When they inserted the word "church" in the English versions, they were not translating the Greek word "kuriakos" as one might expect. Rather, they were substituting an entirely different Greek word. This was not honest!*

*The word "church" would have been an acceptable translation for the Greek word "kuriakos." However, not by the wildest imagination of the most liberal translator can it*

*ever be an acceptable translation for the Greek word "ecclesia." "Ecclesia" is an entirely different word with an entirely different meaning than "kuriakos." In fact, the Greek word Kuriakos appears in the New Testament only twice. It is found once in I Corinthians 11:20 where it refers to the "Lord's supper," and once in Revelation 1:10 where it refers to the "Lord's day," - but [kuriakos still is not translated] "church."*

*We now need to look at another Greek word. "Synagogue" is a word which appears often in the Greek New Testament. It is not a Hebrew word, a yiddish word, nor a jewish word. It is a Greek word. It is #4864 in Strong's Greek Concordance - pronounced syn-a-go-gay. It simply means an "assembly" or a place of "assembly." Now please notice that the modern use of this word has evolved into a jewish religious term. It has become a jewish assembly exclusively, however, during the writing of the Greek New Testament, it was just an assembly - any assembly. At that time "synagogue" could have referred to a jewish assembly or any other kind of assembly - religious or otherwise. "Synagogues," today have turned religious. They are the jewish prototypes of [state] churches.*

*The modern churches are a spin-off of the jewish synagogues. The point is this: The first century "kuriakos" organizations were called "synagogues." The disciples of Christ abandoned the "synagogues" (i.e. the jewish churches)...leaving them to the jews, and were building ecclesias [Christian communities of believers, called out from the governments of men and into the government of Christ, the Kingdom of Heaven - see Romans 13.] By the 4th century, apostate religionists were starting to form a new organization patterned after the old [jewish] synagogue. However, they could not call it "synagogue" because that name had been retained by the jewish religious establishments. And the word ecclesia wouldn't work for them because that word referred to Christ's Kingdom and had nothing to do with religious houses and organizations. So, instead they called them "kuriakos" (churches). These were designed to usurp the place of the ecclesia (CHRISTIAN CIVIL BODIES) which had been growing since Christ's ascension to the throne of God's Kingdom.*

*With the help of the synagogues and the churches (sister organizations), the state (the beast) began waging battle against the ecclesias (outposts of Christ's Kingdom on earth). Revelation 12:13, "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (new Jerusalem) which brought forth the man child (the ecclesia). 17. And the dragon (the state) was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*



*Independent government under Jesus Christ the King! That is what the ecclesia represents - not a religious organization for meeting on the weekends. The Bible does not indicate that churches would eventually take the place of ecclesias. The change of words was not sanctioned by Scripture. There is no Scriptural authority for Christians to build churches, attend churches, or support churches! Churches are ungodly organizations designed for and by statists! Christians should be forming and supporting ecclesias instead of churches. Remember, "ecclesia" means "the called out (elected ones), meaning those who are called out from the Babylonian religious/political system, which is the state [and the state churches].*

*Those of us who believe in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth Now, in our present generation are a governmental body in Christ Jesus, who is our King. Now! We are ambassadors for Him and represent His government on earth. Churches represent a false god and promote the state.*

*The state regulates churches. Jesus Christ regulates the ecclesias. The people who belong to churches do not worship Yahweh, the Creator of the universe and all life therein. They worship their creator, the state, who is the usurper of the authority which belongs to our King, Jesus Christ.*

*Do you see what has happened? The Pharisees have come into the ecclesias and led the people astray with their "traditions of the elders." It began way back when the Apostles were first building ecclesias. You can read about it all through Paul's letters to the ecclesias and in the book of Acts. Churches are nothing but jewish synagogues with a Christian sounding name that deceives. They worship the jewish god's; the states. Ecclesias are a civil body politic in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.*

*Until next time, God bless you all with His love, grace and peace through Jesus Christ our King. Amen*

Caleb hit this right on the head. All of what I just read to you can be easily proven. In fact, it's possibly easier than ever now with the Internet. In 1995, we didn't have as much of the Internet as we have now. It would literally take 5 minutes of research to see that something is terribly wrong with the word "church."

Caleb could have talked more. He didn't mention the fact that the word circe - from where church comes from, is the same exact name as a

*Greek enchantress Circe, whose attractive body transformed men into pigs, is mysteriously linked to the Old English word "church";*

*including the identical pronunciation:*

*&#8220;Circe - sorceress deity who transformed men into beasts, from Greek Kirke&#8221; (Webster&#8217;s, op. cit.).*

*In Greek mythology, Circe was a female enchantress, who lured men to her island place. She was known for her sensuality, her mastery of magic and potions, and in one legend she turned men into swine. The Sirens were also enchanted women who lured sailors to their deaths from the rocks on the island when they heard the intoxicating songs of the Sirens.*

The word "church" is also where the term "inner circle" has come from. And that "inner circle" was pure evil instituted in Druid worship.

As I said, it would literally take minutes today, because of the Internet, to find out the origins - the not-so-pretty origins - of the word church.

Christ did not set out to build churches - He set out to build His Kingdom, with His Father's Laws, with His Father's commandments, with His Father's Perfect Will for His creation.

We are out of time. Lord willing, we will continue this study next week, with the ultimate goal of discussing some practical applications for what we are learning.