

TRUE Church – Pt. 2

#1 – **SKEWED** Church uses **RELIGION** as Mans Way To Find God
TRUE Church lets **JESUS** be Gods Way To Find Man

#2 – **SKEWED** Church focuses on the **PAST**
TRUE Church allows **JESUS** to focus on your **POTENTIAL**

#3- **SKEWED** Church relies on **RELIGION** to produce **Behavior**
MODIFICATION

TRUE Church relies on **JESUS** to produce **Inward**
TRANSFORMATION

Mark 2

And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in **the** house.

² ***Immediately many gathered together,*** so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And ***He preached the word to them.***

Luke 5:17

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were ***Pharisees and teachers of the law*** sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem.

And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

1. Religion Restricts

Luke 5:18

¹⁸ Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

Mark 2:3

³ Then **they** came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*.

//→ **BUT** then THEY came.....

*** It's like the **Bible** is letting us know THEY are much **different** then THEM

2. Your **FRIENDS** determine your **FUTURE** in God

//→ AND YOU **NEED MORE THAN ONE**

(→ BOB DANBERRY - #### **SHOW ACCIDENT VIDEO** #####)

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¹⁸ Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

Prov 11:14

¹⁴ Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall;
But in the **multitude** of **counselors** *there is* **safety**.

*** **This** is the way **Jesus** set up the **church**...

1 Cor 12:14

¹⁴ For in **fact** the **body** is not one member but many.

Eph 4:11 ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the **equipping** of the **saints** for the ***work of ministry***, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.;.....***joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.***

Acts 2:42 ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Mark 2:4

⁴ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was.

Mark 2:4

⁴ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they ripped off the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “**Son, your sins are forgiven you.**”

⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ¹¹ “**I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**”

¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “**We never saw anything like this!**”

²⁵ **Immediately** he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen **strange things** today!”

///-→ **SO**, **GOD’S** solution, was to make a **HUGE MESS** !!!

*** **Jesus** has this **HUGE** room **FULL** of **religious** people, and **HE** is just **WAITING** for **“THEY”**

“Mark 2:3

³ Then **THEY** came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*.

So How **DOES** Real Ministry Get Done? How Does **TRUE CHURCH** Happen?

1. **By REJECTING RELIGION**

- The answer is not religion, its not JUST church or JUST preaching. Its not doing everything just right.

2. **By Relying on Godly Relationships**

**** Gods Healing power was *there*, but it *couldn't* operate until **THEY** came into the picture....

///→ Characteristics of **THEY**:

1. Unified
2. **Selfless**
3. Bold
4. Didn't **care** about **Religious** Protocol/Political **Correctness**
5. Pressed through, were willing to work **hard**/go the extra **mile**
6. **WOULD NOT GIVE UP**
7. Made **Room** for more **ministry** even when it seemed like the most **ridiculous** thing to do

(One Main Thing)

✓ To **Re-Define** Church in this **Region**, we must be willing to commit **Religious TREASON!**