What Kind Of Church Is This?

Revelation 19:4-10 (ESV)

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" 5 And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

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"Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

twas granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
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9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me,

"These are the true words of God." 10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the <u>testimony of Jesus</u> is the <u>spirit of prophecy</u>.

This morning, I want to conclude our series: "What Kind Of Church Is This", by speaking on the subject of:

"A Church With A Prophetic Purpose"

From it's birth in the book of Acts, the church (ecclesia) was empowered by the spirit of God to do exploits that would change the trajectory of the entire world. At the same time, I believe hell and all of its constituency developed a strategic plan against the ecclesia. This attack would not be easily identified by the masses, but rather a "behind the scenes", stealth-like approach to deceive the church by 3 tactics:

- 1. Counterfeit
- 2. Confuse
- 3. Condemn

Our prophetic purpose is not identified by **WHAT** we do, but rather it is found when we realize our **WHY**.

Let my prove this principle:

"What we do" is easily counterfeited, confused, and condemned.

"Why we do" is our irreversible purpose, our calling, our destiny.

The Assembly is a body of people who are striving to fulfill our "why". We are not going to allow our prophetic purpose to be counterfeited, confused, or condemned.

Recently, in a moment I was having with the Lord, I was sensing that He was giving me foreknowledge of something that is to come in our near future concerning the global church and the fulfillment of prophetic purpose. I sensed Him saying that the reason why so many churches are not reaching their prophetic purpose is because they have wrapped their identity around polity and politics. The prophetic doesn't operate under the control of polity or a political system. I believe there is such a remnant of people who are desiring to fulfill their prophetic destiny, that the Lord will soon destroy the political systems of religious governments that were never birthed by the spirit. Major denominations will soon crumble politically, so that the WHY of the church can be restored back to it's original purpose. So many denominations were established in the realm of "what", which can be defined as preferences, perceptions, positioning, and programs that have left us dry, hardhearted, judgmental, divided, and unsatisfied. However, God is about to pour His spirit out in such way that will cause us to remember our WHY.

Our Prophetic purpose is about to be restored!

Isaiah 61:1-3 (ESV)

The Year of the Lord's Favor

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes. the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

The Assembly's Prophetic Purpose:

- 1. We are a church that the spirit of God is upon.
- 2. We are a church that carries a specific anointing.
- 3. We are a church that desires to minister to the poor.
- 4. We are a church that loves the wounded, abused, and rejected.
- 5. We are a church that believes that every addiction can be broken.

- 6. We are a church that believes in restoration and transformation.
- 7. We are a church that will not break when storms come.
- 8. We are a church that will praise the Lord with unrelenting passion.
- 9. We are a church that gives God all the glory!