

What's Next in Our Church?

Theme Scripture

Isaiah 43:19

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

Introduction

Every healthy church eventually arrives at a defining question:

“What’s next?”

Not:

- What was.
- What used to work.
- What we miss.
- What made us comfortable.

But:

- Where is God leading us now?
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to our church?
- What season are we entering?

A church that only celebrates its past will eventually lose its future.

God never intended His church to become stagnant, settled, or spiritually comfortable. Throughout Scripture, God continually moved His people from one season into another.

- From Egypt to wilderness.
- From wilderness to promise.
- From promise to kingdom.
- From law to grace.
- From the upper room to worldwide revival.

The church was never designed to sit still.

I. What's Next Requires Spiritual Vision

Scripture

Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is no vision, the people perish...”

A church without vision becomes:

- inward focused
- maintenance driven
- spiritually dry
- resistant to change

Vision is not about building programs.

Vision is about seeing what God sees.

Holiness churches must never become museums of past moves of God while rejecting fresh moves of the Spirit.

We honor:

- revival heritage
- doctrinal truth
- spiritual disciplines
- separation unto God

But holiness was never meant to become dead tradition.

True holiness produces:

- spiritual fire
- sensitivity to the Spirit
- obedience
- evangelism
- revival passion

The question is not:

“Can we preserve the church?”

The question is:

“Can we hear the Spirit?”

Cross References

- Habakkuk 2:2
- Acts 2:17
- Ephesians 3:20

II. What's Next Will Require Unity

Scripture

Psalm 133:1

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

The enemy understands something:
A divided church cannot advance.

A church fighting internally cannot win externally.

The early church grew because they were:

- unified in prayer
- unified in doctrine
- unified in purpose
- unified in mission

The Danger of Preference Christianity

Many churches become divided over:

- style
- methods
- personalities
- traditions
- preferences

But the mission is greater than preference.

Souls matter more than comfort.

Biblical holiness is not merely outward standards.
It is also inward love.

A holy church:

- forgives quickly
- refuses gossip
- protects unity
- honors leadership
- carries one another’s burdens

You cannot have true holiness while sowing division.

Cross References

- John 17:21
- Philippians 2:2
- 1 Corinthians 1:10

III. What's Next Will Require Faith

Scripture

Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please God...”

Every major move of God requires faith before results appear.

Noah built before rain.

Abraham walked before promise.

Joshua marched before walls fell.

The disciples preached before revival exploded.

Churches that move forward must believe:

- God is not finished
- revival is still possible
- souls can still be saved
- prodigals can still return
- miracles still happen
- the Holy Spirit still moves

Fear vs Faith

Many churches stop growing because fear becomes stronger than faith.

Fear says:

- “What if we fail?”
- “What if people leave?”
- “What if things change?”

Faith says:

- “What if revival comes?”
- “What if the lost are reached?”
- “What if God exceeds our expectations?”

Holiness churches were birthed in radical faith.

The pioneers of holiness movements:

- prayed boldly
- preached repentance
- believed for revival
- trusted the Spirit completely

We cannot inherit their fire while living in fear.

- Mark 9:23, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Joshua 1:9

IV. What's Next Requires Fresh Fire

Romans 12:11

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

Programs cannot replace fire.

Technology cannot replace anointing.

Talent cannot replace prayer.

The church does not primarily need:

- better entertainment
- better marketing
- better performance

The church needs:

- revival
- prayer
- repentance
- power
- the Holy Spirit

The Early Church Model

The church in Acts changed the world because:

- they prayed
- they fasted
- they worshiped passionately
- they preached boldly
- they depended on the Spirit

The future of the church will never be built on human ability alone.

Holiness without fire becomes legalism.

Fire without holiness becomes emotionalism.

But holiness and fire together create transformation.

God is looking for a church:

- pure in doctrine
 - pure in lifestyle
 - full of compassion
 - full of the Spirit
 - hungry for revival
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- Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:6, Leviticus 6:13

V. What's Next Is About Reaching People

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The mission of the church has never changed.

Buildings are tools.

Programs are tools.

Music is a tool.

But souls are the mission.

A healthy church continually asks:

- Who are we reaching?
- Who is missing?
- How can we serve our community?
- How can we disciple the next generation?

If the church fails to reach:

- children
- teenagers
- young adults
- young families

then the church has no future.

We must refuse to become a church that only ministers to ourselves.

Holiness is not isolation from sinners.

Jesus was separated from sin while engaging broken people.

The church must:

- stand for truth
- preach repentance
- maintain conviction
- while still loving people deeply

Truth without love becomes harsh.

Love without truth becomes compromise.

We need both.

- Matthew 28:19–20
- Jude 1:22–23
- 1 Timothy 4:12

Conclusion

What's next in our church?

Maybe:

- deeper prayer
- greater unity
- renewed holiness
- stronger discipleship
- community impact
- revival fire
- salvations
- healing
- growth
- fresh vision

But none of it happens accidentally.

The future of the church belongs to people willing to:

- pray
- surrender
- obey
- sacrifice
- believe
- pursue the presence of God

Closing Challenge

Ask the church:

- Are we willing to move where God is moving?
- Are we willing to change what needs changing?
- Are we willing to pray until revival comes?
- Are we willing to reach the lost at any cost?
- Are we willing to protect holiness while pursuing the Spirit's power?

Because the question is not merely:

“What's next for our church?”

The real question is:

“Will we follow God into the next season?”