Faith Christian Fellowship Sunday, November 4, 2018 A Supernatural Church 14: Supernatural Mission

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Psalm 103:7 / 2 Corinthians 5:16

Contend for the supernatural: raise up and release a supernatural people, the supernatural church God intends us to be. So far: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose. The supernatural church is an "us" thing, not a "me" thing. We moved past the gateway of being filled with the Spirit. A supernatural church does church supernaturally!

Church has 5 basic functions: Worship - Pray – Make Disciples -Fellowship – Do Ministry (service). How do we do them supernaturally? We saw the hand of God in molding lives into supernatural mission by establishing supernatural fellowship around the purposes of God. Today: The Mission

- 1) Supernatural Mission is only for Supernatural People
 - a) From Christian History Magazine Issue #57. 1998: "Converting the Empire." https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/issue/converting-

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- b) The Call is to Win the world. We love to cheer the promises: Mark 16:14-20, but what are the implications for me?
- C) The Message is: Jesus is Alive, and I can prove it. What makes you a supernatural Christian instead of a bored consumer of religious goods and services?

2) Seeing people supernaturally

- a) Who are you? 2 Corinthians 5:13-25
 - i) You might have to just decide to let yourself get a little crazy.
 - ii) Christ's love controls us.
 - (1) Christ died for all. (you believe that, right?) Therefore, I died to my old life
 - (2) I have received His new life. Therefore, I no longer live for myself. I am irrelevant to myself.
- b) Who are the people around you? 2 Corinthians 5:16-17
 - i) Unbelievers are **all** people for whom Christ died

- ii) Believers are new creatures, not judged by their old ways.
- c) How, then, do I live if I see everyone from a supernatural, ie. spiritual, perspective? 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
 - i) It's all grace. (Ephesians 2:18-10)
 - ii) He has given us the job of bringing folks back to Him.
 - iii) He isn't longer counting their sins against them, so you need to quit it!
 - iv) Grace-drenched lives beg you, be reconciled to God!
- d) Read the next verse: 2 Corinthians 6:1. What moves us to mission?

3) Believing in Heaven and Hell.

- a) The demise of Hell has been trumpeted from the rooftops by the media. This debate has gone on for all of church history.
- b) Three general categories: Annihilationism, Universalism, and Traditional
- C) The Bible says:
 - i) Hebrews 9:27 / Luke 16:22,23. Eternity is immediate
 - ii) There is a Judgment. Revelation 20:11-15
 - iii) This is eternal. Mark 9:43,48 / Revelation 20:10
 - iv) Hell was not prepared for man and is not the will of God. Matthew 25:41 / 2 Peter 3:9
 - V) There is great anguish in Hell. Luke 16:23-24 / Psalm 116:3 / Psalm 18:5
 - vi) We do know this: God is perfectly just and merciful. It will be right, obvious, and without argument. Philippians 2:9-11
- d) Heaven is real
 - i) At physical death, the believer's spirit proceeds directly to be with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Philippians 1:23
 - The believer will stand before the Lord and receive His rewards. 2 Corinthians 5:10 / 1 Corinthians 3:11-14 / Romans 14:10
 - iii) The earth will be renovated by fire and the heavenly city will come down. 2 Peter 3:10-13 / Revelation 21 & 22