

Embracing the Vision of Antioch

January 6th, 2019 – Billy Humphrey

I. Vision for 2019

A. There is something of a reformation happening right now across the body of Christ. The way the church has been operating is changing and will continue to change.

B. Because the Father is committed to seeing the church become a spotless bride for His Son He is unwilling to let us continue with church as usual.

C. He wants the Church to become a family of deep affection, burning in passion for Jesus, shining in bright holiness, operating a prophetic spirit, and urgency for the end of the age.

II. “All Eyes on Jesus”

A. The Father is jealous for His Son to have the pre-eminence in all things.

Colossians 1:15-20 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

1. Our Marriages
2. Our Families
3. Our Vocation
4. Our Spiritual Family

B. God isn't concerned if we understand everything He's doing, He simply wants our attention to be on Jesus.

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III. “One thing is Needed”

Luke 10:38-42 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." 41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

- A. Jesus loved Mary and Martha the same (John 11:5).
- B. Martha was distracted, worried, and bothered. This speaks of her focus, her trust in the Lord, and the way she managed her emotions. Ultimately her weaknesses in these areas caused her to make poor choices with her time.
- C. Mary on the other hand was focused on the Lord and at peace. Because she was focused on the Lord and not the tasks in front of her, she ultimately made good choices, i.e. She sat at his feet and heard his voice.
- D. In the midst of the contrast between the two, Jesus brings clarity: “One thing is necessary”.
- E. If giving our attention, affection, and time to Jesus above everything else is the one thing that is necessary why don't we emphasize it constantly?

IV. “Watch and Pray”

Mark 13:35-37 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

- A. Jesus was very clear regarding the proper heart posture His people are to have in regard to His return: we are to watch and pray.
- B. Most believers in America are fairly disinterested in the subject of the Lord's return. Because of the disinterest they don't live their lives with urgency in light of the Day of the Lord.
- C. Jesus calls us to be alert and prayerful as a lifestyle, lest we be “asleep” in the hour of His return.

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V. **“Members of the household of God”**

A. The Lord is calling the church to no longer operate as independent free agents but instead to operate as a family.

B. This family oneness is to supersede racial, generational, and denominational lines.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

C. Jesus is calling His church into John 15:12-13

John 15:12-13 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.