

# Where Is The Church? The Same Place They Have Always Been



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*“And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” – Revelation 12:17*

This last week, I was going through a news reel to see what was going on in the streets of America, and no surprise to me whatsoever, I heard a popular (Gatekeeper – keeping the people’s eyes on himself as the standard and not Christ; 1 King 13:33) “people pleasing” preacher (who loves the approbation: approval and praise of men; John 12:43) asking the question to his congregants as to where the church is right now. Instantly, it made me righteously angry, and for good reason. The Church of Jesus Christ is in the same place that it always has been, and that is on the move (James 2:14-26), bearing the reproach of Christ without the camp in seeking and saving that which is lost (Luke 3:19; Hebrews 13:13).

You know the ones I’m talking about; those Christians who are suffering unjust persecutions from the ungodly, enduring scoffing, mocking, trials, tribulations, death threats, and more! These are those who are enduring hardships as good soldiers of the cross of Christ (2 Timothy 2:3).

They are those “Christians” who understand that it is not about hiding behind the four walls of the church in elevating self week after week in the face of biblically ignorant and entertained goats (Matthew 25:31-46), who do not take the time to search the Scriptures to know for themselves. The audacity of him to ask where the Church is!

Again, let me tell you where the Church is: The Church is in the same place they have always been, on the move, bearing their cross!

His lethargic and tolerant example has aided in its ostracization of real Christianity by leading his flock to do nothing more than remain impotent within the four walls, in following his lack of leadership (Psalm 78:9).

These are the same types of professors who did not reach out to add to our Christian endeavors. Instead, they ignored us. In fact, many of them rejected us for reaching out to their kids as they were dropping them off at the school gates to be illegally indoctrinated by their sworn enemies (Matthew 23:3).

Truth be told, they did not want their congregants to see what it was that they failed to do in the face of the Lord they claimed to have been serving (Numbers 13:30). They made sure to safeguard themselves from seeing anyone that was doing just that.

Friends, the best way to raise up disciples for Christ is to emulate Christ (Matthew 28:18-20).

These are the same type of professors who would talk of how radical we were in obedience to Christ (Hebrews 13:7), but now, because their backs are up against the wall, he is left only to acknowledge the obvious, and that Christianity is radical and controversial (Hebrews 1:7). What a reproach.

*“For our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye*

*know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.” – 1 Thessalonians 1:5*

*When I first entered the ministry by God’s call, not mine (John 3:6), I thought within myself that the Church, which is the body of professed believers, was going to be there to back us up in every step that we took when reaching out to high schoolers in assemblies across the country. However, it was just the opposite. These are enemies of the cross of Christ. Read Philippians 3:18-19. They do not want to endure what genuine Christians have to go through.*

As a side note, the school students in this country, from elementary to middle and high school, are the greatest demographic mission field (Psalm 2:8) in our country. Despite this, trillions of dollars are spent on missionaries from the American church to go overseas to preach a message to foreigners that they fail to preach to their children in their backyards. How hateful!

This is a lack of Christianity on this man’s part, though not just this man because it is prevalent across the country.

He is expecting the Lord that he claims to serve to do for him what it is that he is failing to do. This is why he is asking, “Where is the Church?”

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