

The Threefold Expressions of the Kingdom Church
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Matthew 16:13-19

I. Introduction – Read

A. FIRST MENTION of the term *CHURCH*

1. God **ESTABLISHES ALL THINGS** through **HIS WORD**
2. **HIS SPOKEN WORD** is a **WORD of HIS FAITH** (*Romans 10:8,17*)

Like **NATURAL SEED** is sown into the ground to bring forth **NATURAL FRUIT**, **SO HIS WORD of FAITH** is **SEED** that is **SOWN** into the **HEARTS of MEN** whose **PURPOSE** is to **YIELD ETERNAL FRUIT**

3. The **CHURCH** was **CONCEIVED** in the **EARTH** through the **WORD of JESUS** – and **HE CALLED IT *MY CHURCH***

B. In this **PASSAGE, the word *Church* is *Ekklesia* or **CALLED OUT ONES****

1. It literally means *the community of members of Saints on earth AND in heaven*
2. It also refers to **both** the **LOCAL** and **UNIVERSAL** assembly of **BELIEVERS**

WE are the **BODY** of **CHRIST** who **ASSEMBLES** at *Kingdom Life Christian Center*

We are a LOCAL EXPRESSION of the UNIVERSAL CHURCH

II. AS the **CHURCH we **FUNCTION** as **THREE INTERCONNECTED EXPRESSIONS****

A. The **FIRST is the *SYNAGOGE* EXPRESSION**

1. *Synagoge – Synagogue - assembly, congregation, or assemblage of persons*
2. The **SYNAGOGUE** was the **MEETING PLACE** for the Jews – Still
3. It was also used in **NT** in reference to the **NT Church**

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James 2:2 For if a man comes into your assembly (sunagoge) with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes poor man in dirty clothes (don't give preferential treatment to the rich man over the poor man)

4. **FIVE DYNAMICS** of *Sunagoge*

a. **PRIESTLY MINISTRY** – Minister to **NEEDS** of **OTHERS**

Encouragement / Prayer / Counsel / Benevolence / Visiting the Infirm

b. **WORSHIP** – Engaging and Flowing in **PRESENCE** of God

c. **RELATIONSHIP** – building **genuine** relationships

Caring for one another / Honoring those different than you / Being a FRIEND

d. **SONSHIP** – Becoming **CLEAR** of your **TRUE IDENTITY**

e. **REFORMATION** – Being **INSIGHTFUL** and **WILLING** to **CHANGE SELF**

Proverbs 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who RULES (Governs) HIS SPIRIT (human spirit), than he who takes a city

The **GREATEST REFORMATION** is that of the **HUMAN SOUL**

As **FOLLOWERS** of **JESUS**, we are instructed to **CONDUCT OURSELVES** under the **CONTROL** of the **PERSON** of the **HOLY SPIRIT** Who is **constantly working** within us to **RENEW** our **MINDS** and to **ALIGN** our **SOULS** with the **HEART** of the **FATHER**

The **FATHER'S HEART TOWARD US** is one of **LOVE, BELONGING, and GRACE**

And I must tell you that **HE SEES YOU** as a **FINISHED, PERFECTED WORK**

YOUR FATHER will **SEE TO IT** that **THIS WORK WILL BE PERFORMED IN YOU**

B. The **SECOND EXPRESSION** of the **CHURCH** is *OIEKOS*

1. *Oiekos* – *of the house or household; the household of God*

a. Speaks of **KINSHIP** and **UNION** as **CHILDREN** of **GOD**

b. Sharing the **COMMON DNA** of **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

It is the **FAMILY DYNAMIC** of the **BODY** who have the **SAME HEARTBEAT** of the **FATHER** and **LOVE** for **ONE ANOTHER**

2. It doesn't **SEE ALL** the **FLAWS** in others, it **SEES** the **POTENTIAL**

Our **FAMILY** looks **DIFFERENTLY** when **VIEWED** through the **LENS** of **FATHER'S HEART**

To **SPEAK BLESSING** over your **CHURCH FAMILY** is to **RELEASE BLESSING** over **YOUR OWN**

3. **TWO DYNAMICS** of *Oiekos*

a. **KOINONIA** – Fellowship and Communication

1. Building **relationship** as **FAMILY**, not **Church Members**
2. *Intimate vs Corporate* – growing **CLOSE** as family
3. **Communion** and **Communication**

Speaks to the **IDEA** of **FELLOWSHIP** to **BUILD** the **FAMILY RELATIONSHIP**, to **OPTIMIZE INTERCOMMUNICATION**, and to **PARTAKE COMMUNION TOGETHER** to **HONOR** the **LORD**

b. **FATHERING** – Creating the **NURTURING ENVIRONMENT** for the growth of **Father-Son** relationships

I enjoy **SITTING UNDER** the **TEACHING** of Brother Jim – He is an **AMAZING TEACHER**

I **ENJOY MORE SITTING WITH** Brother Jim to have **ONE on ONE TIME** with **JUST US TWO**

It **SHIFTS** from the **CORPORATE** to the **INTIMATE**

While I am **MINDFUL** and **VERY RESPECTFUL** of **HIS TIME**, I take the **INITIATIVE** for **THOSE MOMENTS** to **HAPPEN**

TEACHERS and **MENTORS** are **PLENTIFUL**, but **TRUE FATHERS** of the **FAITH** are **FEW** and **FAR BETWEEN**

c. The **THIRD EXPRESSION** of **CHURCH** is ***EKKLESIA***

Matthew 16:17-18 Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did

not reveal this (Jesus is the Christ), *but My father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter* (piece of the Rock), *and upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH; and the gates of Hades shall NOT OVERPOWER* (prevail against) *IT*.

1. ***Ekklesia – Community of Believers, also the GOVERNING MANDATE AS the Church***
2. It is the **SAME** as OT word ***kahal***, which relates to **assembling together** as the **CHURCH** for the **purpose** of **deciding civil matters, matters of war, or matters of nations**

Ekklesia is **UNIQUELY** a **WORD** to **EXPRESS** the **GOVERNMENTAL DYNAMIC** of the **CHURCH**

In **GOD'S PLAN**, HE **INTENDED** that the **CHURCH** be **RESPONSIBLE** for **SETTING THE STANDARDS** for and **OVERSEEING CIVIL GOVERNMENT** of **EARTH**

TRUTH IS, HE STILL DOES!!

3. **FIVE DYNAMICS** of the ***Ekklesia***
 - a. **KINGLY** – Engages the **RULING AUTHORITY** of the **CHURCH CORPORATELY**

Ecclesiastes 4:12 ***And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.***

The **CORPORATE MAN** is **STRONGER** than **ONE OR TWO**

AND WHEN we **ENGAGE** in our ***Ekklesia*** **ASSIGNMENTS**, we **JOIN** the **THREE CORD GODHEAD** in **ACCOMPLISHING** the **TASK**

- b. **RESPONSIBILITY** – means **both TAKING** the **RESPONSIBILITY TO ENGAGE** and **BEING RESPONSIBLE IN** the **ENGAGEMENT**

MUST be **LED** by the **SPIRIT** and be **PREPARED** when you **STEP INTO** the **GOVERNMENTAL REALM** of the **SPIRIT**

- c. **WARFARE** – Engaging the **ENEMIES** of **STATE** with a **VICTORY MINDSET** knowing the **VICTORY BELONGS TO THE LORD** because **GOD PURPOSED IT**
 - d. **DOMINION** – Assuming the **SEAT** of **POWER** as the **RULING FORCE** of **GOD** in the **EARTH**
 - e. **TRANSFORMATION** – **RESTORING** the **DIVINE ORDER** of

**THINGS in EARTH REALM to REFLECT the HEAVEN
PATTERN**

**JESUS will ULTIMATELY RESTORE EARTH to the ORIGINAL DESIGN of EDEN, but
UNTIL THEN, we are to EXERCISE DOMINION RULE in the EARTH so that OUR
METRON ASSIGNMENT MIRRORS the PATTERN of FATHER'S ORIGINAL INTENT**

**We are NOT JUST MANDATED to SELF-GOVERN as the *Synagoge* and *Oiekos*, we
are also MANDATED to GOVERN our CITY and REGION as the *EKKLESIA***

III. Summary

A. So, the CHURCH has a THREEFOLD EXPRESSION in EARTH

1. **GATHERING**
2. **FATHERING**
3. **GOVERNING**

**B. And, EACH OF US are UNIQUELY GIFTED to OPERATE at SOME
LEVEL in ALL THREE**

1. **It is NOT just a matter of FINDING your PLACE**
2. **it is a MATTER of TAKING your PLACE**

**I DO NOT PASTOR STUPID SHEEP, I FATHER SONS and DAUGHTERS and
STEWARD ALL THREE EXPRESSIONS of GOD'S CHURCH**

IV. Final Thought – Remember the Five A's of the CHURCH

A. AUTHENTICITY

1. **Authentic means *conforming to fact and therefore worthy of
belief***

- a. **It means that we are to be REAL, HONEST and OPEN with
GOD and SELF**

B. ACCURATE

1. **It means to be FAITHFUL and TRUE**

- a. **To the FATHER, the KINGDOM, and to ONE ANOTHER**

C. **ARDENT**

1. It literally means *to glow and burn like fire*
2. It is demonstrating **intense enthusiasm** and a **fervent desire to change society**

D. **APPROACHABLE**

1. No one is **BETTER** than **ANOTHER** in God's **CHURCH**

Jeremiah 9:23 Thus says the Lord, let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might; let not the rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and KNOWS ME, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things, says the Lord.

2. The day we **THINK** we are **ABOVE OTHERS** is the **DAY** we **WILL FALL** with a **GREAT FALL**

FAILURE is not our **GREATEST FOE; SUCCESS IS;** we **MUST ENDEAVOR** to **KEEP GROUNDED** as **WE SUCCEED** in our **ASSIGNMENTS**

E. **ARTICULATE**

1. This means to **CLEARLY EXPRESS WHO** we **ARE** in **WORD** and **DEED**

The **GREATEST IMPACT** that we will **EVER HAVE** in our **CITY** and **REGION** is to **SIMPLY** and **PURPOSELY BE** the **CHURCH**