

## God's Vision For His Church

I) Negative Plays

II) Positive Plays

III) What I Believe To Be God's Vision For This Church.

1 Corinthians 2:4–5 (NIV) — (4) My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, (5) so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV) — (7) But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) — (4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Acts 18:9 (NIV) — (9) One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.

1 John 2:15–17 (NIV) — (15) Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. (17) The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

2 Corinthians 6:14–16 (NIV) — (14) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? (15) What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? (16) What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Matthew 5:14–16 (NIV) — (14) "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. (16) In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NIV) — (9) However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— (10) but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV) — (6) So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Here is the message: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." The words might and power are quite interesting.

1 Peter 2:9–10 (NIV) — (9) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness

into his wonderful light. **(10)** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Luke 19:10 (NIV) — (10)** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

**Ezekiel 34:16 (NIV) — (16)** I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.