

YEAR IN REVIEW

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Continually the Scriptures exhort us to **remember not to forget**. Knowing that forgetfulness is a fruit of man's fall, over and over the Scriptures remind us how important it is to remember and rehearse the things the Lord has said and done.

- **Remembering the works of God fuels our worship. Rehearsing the intensions of God fuels our faith.** Remembering honors our past, rehearsing positions us for our future.
- For this reason it has been our practice to take the last Sunday of the year and rehearse what the Lord said by doing a "year in review."
- Our purpose is to testify of His activity and solidify our accountability.

As you know our theme for the year was, **"Emmanuel; Touched by the Eternal."** We began the year focusing on "The Presence" as a continuation of the previous year. We started with a 10 part series where we dealt with the heart of God to dwell with us that we might live touched.

- **So deep is the heart of God to dwell among us that He named His only Son "Presence."** "You shall call His name Emmanuel which means, God with us."
- Emmanuel we said is the watershed revelation of all history. Because of Emmanuel, everywhere we go we go there in Presence. Because of Emmanuel, every need we face we face it with Presence. Emmanuel is the "live in God" and the "come upon God."
- **Emmanuel is not a "stay at Church God," Emmanuel is the God we take to work,** He is the God who goes with us everywhere we go and as we go He works on our behalf. He is here to touch us in our deepest need that we might live in the touch of the eternal.

Ps18:9 was a key text in developing the heart of God for 2009. **"He bent the heavens and came down."** In Emmanuel, God with us time touches eternity. **Emmanuel folds the impossible so in The Presence, the impossible becomes the predictable.**

- So once again in 2009 we saw lives being touched by an eternal reality that has the power to trump a present tragedy. Linda Walker testified of a woman at work being healed of cancer. Nicole Gaines spoke of the Lord healing patients at the Psychiatric Hospital.
- Is64:1 "He rips open the heavens and comes down..." How many of you experienced tangible expressions this year of God ripping the heavens like a curtain and coming down on your behalf? We saw the woman at the Heidi Baker meeting miraculously healed.

I think this would be an awesome place for us to pause and worship Emmanuel for all He has done. **When He is Emmanuel; God with us, worship is no longer an event it is a lifestyle.**

As we developed this theme of Emmanuel, God with us we said **“The Church today is being destroyed by a Christless Christianity.”** It’s a Jesus remix...a Jesus fashioned after the natural not the spiritual. It is an “earth Jesus “only not a “heavenly Jesus.”

- The Scriptures reveal Jesus as both...fully God and fully man...heavenly minded and earthly good. To live touched by the eternal is to live as a bridge between heaven and earth. It’s to live as a bridge of representation...a bridge of mediating grace...
- **In an age of uncertainty we become a voice of promise. In an age of fear we become a voice of courage. In an age of tremendous hurt we become a voice of great healing.**
- When we get touched by the eternal we become the touch of the eternal.

In becoming the touch of the eternal let me testify for a moment. Over the years I have heard it said, “Christ Church is all talk but they never do anything.” So I would like to rehearse just a few of the ways we were able to touch people this year. (CCK, CCA, SPA, MC, Home Groups)

- CCK launched 3 new ministries: Christ Church Preschool, CCM, SPA
- Laurie Sperry reelected to her 2nd term which represents 4 sitting on local city councils with one very likely to run this year for a State seat. With our 3 serving in Kenmore, Kenmore was awarded most livable city by Family Circle and Seattle Magazine.
- In August 50-60 of our people joined 1200 from 20-30 Churches for Jubilee Reach and served at 9 schools and worked at 29 homes on the eastside. I now meet monthly with a number of Kirkland Pastors and business guys who will be following suit this year May 1st for Kirkland May Day clean as well as a combined Kirkland Easter egg hunt in 2010.
- SPA had several opportunities of outreach. We are now working closely with the Kirkland Arts Commission and organized the Christmas lighting ceremony with them. We had 2 nights at the Performing Arts Center, a night at Bellevue University, a Church in Anacortes, various Nursing Homes; we prayed and prophesied over actors at Taproot.
- CCK won the Annual Kirkland Parade Award for our Rhythm Dance on July 4th.
- This Christmas we gave Christmas gifts to 101 children through Giving Tree. One Home Group raise 1200 dollars to bless a family another raised 1300 dollars to bless another.
- With all the Stevie Home Group did to serve over the years an estimated \$ 20,000 was given to repair homes and serve needs.
- CCA raised 14,350 dollars for Pennies for Patients, thousands more has been collected through the “Baby Bottle Campaign” for Crisis Pregnancy, “Crayons for Children” at Children’s Hospital, gifts for patients at Evergreen, Thanksgiving meals for Union Gospel Mission, gloves and hats were collected for an Orphanage in Russia.
- 100 soldiers were written to and sent not only letters but prophetic words. Letters of encouragement were sent to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center.
- In January Eric will take a team of 11 to Switzerland for ministry. In August I will take a team to Costa Rica to do National meeting with Focus on the Family.
- Not to mention all the MC’s do as part of their weekly outreaches.

Let me summarize our remaining 8 messages in this “Living Touched” series by saying:

1. **Living touched by the eternal is living life regenerated.**
2. **Living touched by the eternal is dreaming wild.**
3. **Living touched by the eternal is knowing Jesus as the Bible describes Him to be.**
4. **Living touched by the eternal is becoming a bridge that joins heaven to earth.**
5. **Living touched by the eternal is learning to live loved so we can give love.**
6. **Living touched by the eternal is walking the walk of the Bride along the Bridal Path.**
7. **Living touched by the eternal is placing a Spirit led demand on our faith.**
8. **Living touched by the eternal is being commissioned and sent into destiny.**
9. **Living touched by the eternal is living the life I now live.**
10. **Living touched by the eternal is experiencing His Kingdom growing in us every day.**
11. **Living touched by the eternal is living in the river of His presence.**
12. **Living touched by the eternal is becoming a womb of creativity.**
13. **Living touched by the eternal is living in the wonder of His immensity.**

In light of that I think we need to stand and worship all over again.

After our initial series on Emmanuel; Touched by the Eternal we did a 3 part series on “The Holy Week” where we took a close look at The Triumphal Entry, The Crucifixion and The Resurrection.

- We focused on these three understanding as significant as they are in their historic value they also represent “wells of salvation” that carry a mediating grace that continues to supply today what they accomplished then. (Is12:3 read it)
- **1. The Triumphal entry; the mediating grace of Jesus as Lord. 2. The Crucifixion; the mediating grace of Jesus as Savior. 3. The Resurrection; the mediating grace of Jesus as King.**
- Marc also shared about the 5 Seasons of Grace or the 5 Wells of Salvation 1. The Incarnation 2. The Crucifixion 3. The Resurrection 4. The Ascension/Pentecost 5. The Second Coming.
- She followed that with the Ladies Conference “Bringers of the New Earth.”
- It’s only as we continue to dig and draw from these wells that we are positioned to be all we need to be as Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God.
- Some of you are in need of redigging the well of Lordship. Some of you are facing issues where you need to be reminded He is a Savior. In times of our own willfulness we all need to be reminded He is still the King.

Following our series on the Holy Week, we did a 3part series we entitled “**.The Final 40” where we looked at the 40 days following the Resurrection where the Scriptures tell us Jesus spent 40 days speaking to His disciples about the Kingdom of God.**

- The first message we entitled **The Promise of the Father** where we shared from Ac1 and Jn14. Jesus promises not to leave us as Orphans but to come to us in “the promise of the Father” which is the Spirit of Sonship sent to displace the Orphan spirit.
- The second message we entitled **The Baptism of Ownership** where through Acts 2 and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit the disciples transitioned from those who were basic observers to those who were primary owners.
- The third message we entitled **Positioned to Receive** where we spoke of the 2 groups gathered at the Day of Pentecost. Though Acts 2:5 tells us both were devout, one group received and the other group mocked. Though devoted the mockers were not yielded.
- **A heart yielded to the ever deepening work of Holy Spirit is what positions the spirit man to receive and move into the progressive workings of the indwelling purposes of God.**

This brought us to a 3part series on the importance of “Seeing What God Sees,” living our lives as “Visionaries” and “Keeping Our Vision Prophetic.” **To be touched by the eternal is to be touched by a God breathed ability to see our “manifested future” as opposed to a “manufactured future.”**

- Jer 29:18 What makes vision prophetic is the fact that it is God breathed not humanly conceived. We are to be those “carried along” not those making our own way.

We followed this with a 2 part series on persistence and perseverance where in a message entitled “Never Give in Never Give Up,” we said, **“The only possible defeat for the believer is quitting. As long as we remain in the game every perceived defeat God is working for our good.”**

- So perseverance is a 2 sided coin that has a “Never Give Up” mindset on one side and a “Go for the Gold” mindset on the other.(touched by the eternal/ touched by perseverance)

This was followed by another 2 part series on Generosity where we said, **“Generosity is not just something we do, generosity is an act of distinction that defines who we are.”** To be touched by the eternal is to be touched with a spirit of generosity that sets us apart as uniquely His.

- Jn3:16 “For God so loved He gave...” We are most like God when we are giving, especially when we are giving to those things that make us “Rich Toward God,” or rich in those things that are of an eternal value.
- **Rich in humility, rich in wisdom, rich in faith, rich in preserving truth and rich in giving.**

Then we closed the year out with a 7 week series on the Kingdom of God where we answered the Kingdom of God what it is, when it is and where it is. We said the Kingdom is the realm, the rule and the ruler of God. The Kingdom is now but not yet and the Kingdom is everywhere.

