

WELCOME

PHENIX

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INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE!

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# Communion



# Contribution



# Announcements

## THIS WEEK...

- **Wednesday 9/10 @ 7:30PM**
  - Men's Midweek
  - First Principles Class #8, Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- **Saturday 9/13 @ 10:30AM – ASU BAC 201**
  - First Principles Class #9, The Miraculous Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- **Sunday 9/14 @ 10:00AM – Back here, SDA**
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **MERCYWoIrdWide Event - Saturday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - **6x Special Missions Thanksgiving Offering coming November 16th!**



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~Fellowship Break~

# **The 5 Foundational SoldOut Movement Convictions**

- 1. All Scripture Is Inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**
- 2. Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent (Genesis 2:19-20, 1 Corinthians 10:23)**
- 3. The Church Is Composed Of Only Sold-out Disciples In Discipling Relationships (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:38,40-47)**
- 4. A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader (Num 27:15-27, Acts 15:13;19-20, 16:4-5)**
- 5. All Nations In This Generation (Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:6;23, Matthew 24:9-14)**

# A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader

## Num 27:12-18

- Moses did not talk about his life, his kids, what would become of his line...all he cared about, all he thought about, was the well-being of God's people!
- What we learn here is God's people need a leader.
  - To provide what a shepherd provides - unity (keeping the flock together), a standard (a pattern), a schedule (when to go to pasture, when to not), and of course guidance (which pasture) and vision.
  - A central leader with a central leadership provides these things.

## Exodus 18:13-26

- What kind of men? Trustworthy.
- 2 Tim 2:1-2

# A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader

## Acts 15:1

- Disunity doctrinally! Is circumcision *required* for *salvation* or is *not required*. There is confusion through out several churches!
  - Solution? Go to the **central leadership** in Jerusalem – the apostles and elders.

## Acts 15:4

- Paul & Barnabas reported to the **central leadership** everything God had done through them. Amen for central reporting. (**Acts 21:18-19**)

## Acts 15:13;19-20

- James calls the shot here. The central leader of the central leadership. Acts 15:13 “**Brothers, listen to me.**” And in verse 19, “**it is my judgment...**”



# A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader

## Acts 15:23-29

They follow James' direction, write a letter, and send it to all the churches.

- Interesting note – Jesus declared all food clean and yet there are foods specifically instructed to be abstained from. (**Acts 15:29**)
  - The point is that there are directives in regards to *matters of opinion*.

# (1) Builds Unity & Brings God's Blessing

## Acts 16:4-5

- <sup>4</sup> As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.
  - They delivered the decisions of the **central leadership** for the people to obey. (***Even the matters of opinion***)
  - The impact of the people's obedience to the decisions of the central leadership?
    1. Strengthened in the faith!
    2. Grew daily in numbers!
    3. Psalm 133.

# A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader

- We have our own **central leadership** based out of Los Angeles.



- The world sector leaders and the Crown of Thorns Council.
- They are charged with evangelizing and shepherding whatever section of the world they are called to serve.

# Delivering the decisions made by the Central Leadership

**From: The Central Leadership and the Crown of Thorns Councils**  
**Subject: The Use of Marijuana**

Greetings in the Lord! It has been brought to our attention that there are questions concerning the use of marijuana by disciples. Indeed, ***“some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling you by what they said.”*** (Acts 15:24) So we all agreed to share our position on this matter with you. The use of prescribed medications overseen by legitimate doctors is accepted in our fellowship around the world. So whether it is a drug such as morphine or marijuana, if these medications are directly administered intravenously or as prescribed pills by upstanding doctors, we feel that this is acceptable.

However, if marijuana is taken in any form for “recreational use” – whether legal or not – we believe this violates several Scriptures such Galatians 5:19-21, ***“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the Kingdom of God.”*** The Greek word translated “witchcraft” is “pharmakeia” which connotes mind-altering and/or illicit use of drugs.

Lastly, let us remember that each of our bodies is ***“a temple of the Holy Spirit.”*** (1 Corinthians 6:19) We are not to pollute our bodies in a way that will affect our health or our ability to worship God. We have long taught to abstain from cigarette smoking, pipe smoking, cigar smoking and e-cigarettes for these reasons, as well as not to be a stumbling block to Christians or non-Christians. Therefore, ***“you will do well to avoid”*** marijuana smoking for any reason. (Acts 15:29)

This directive comes from our hearts to honor God and to call disciples everywhere to be ***“likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.”*** (Philippians 2:2) Continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for you. And may God’s grace be spread to all nations in this generation.

**With all our love and affection,**  
**The Central Leadership and Crown of Thorns Councils**

# Autonomy Is Unbiblical

- self-governing; independent;
- not subject to control from outside; independent.

Does this sound like what's happening in Acts 15-16? ***“They delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey.”*** Acts 16:4 / Titus 1:5

# Unity In Doctrine

## **1 Cor 4:16-17**

**16** Therefore I urge you to imitate me. <sup>17</sup> For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

- One of the reasons we do first principles.
- One of the reasons we've established the ICCM.

# Unity In Life

- Phil 3:17, Phil 4:9
- 1 Thess 1:6-8, 2:14
- Heb 13:7
- Eph 5:21

# Unity In Vision

## **1 Cor 16:1-3**

- Paul directed an entire province of churches and then directed the Corinthian church to do the same.
- The collection was being taken to Jerusalem to the **Central Leadership.**

## **Matthew 28:18-20**



# The Crown Of Thorns Project

## The Plan For World Evangelism For The SoldOut Movement

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

**"Jerusalem" – Los Angeles**

**"Judea and Samaria" – United States and Canada**

**Judea:** Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara

**Samaria:** Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denver, Eugene, Gainesville, Hilo, Honolulu, Houston, New York City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Portland, San Antonio, Syracuse and Washington DC

### SAMARIA PROJECT

**2014:** Dallas-Ft. Worth, Houston, Santa Barbara, Toronto

**"To The Ends Of The Earth"**

Phase One: Plant The Crown Of Thorns Churches

**Santiago**

(2009)

**London**

(2010)

**Sao Paulo**

(2011)

**Mexico City**

(2012)

**Paris**

(2012)

**Sydney**

(2013)

**Chennai**

(2014)

**Moscow**

(2015)

**Manila**

(2015)

**Johannesburg**

(2016)

**Cairo**

(2016)

**Hong Kong**

(2016)

Phase Two: Crown Of Thorns Churches Target Surrounding Nations' Capital Cities

**Bogotá** (2015) **Stockholm** (2016) **Kiev** (2017) **Kingston** (2016) **Lagos** (2017) **Nairobi** (2017)

Phase Three: Each Capital City Church Evangelizes Their Nation

**Rio de Janeiro** (2016)

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