



1st Salvation in Taiwan ARK Church is Timothy Guo (Picture)

Statements around Pentecost

Pentecost: The Holy Spirit gives us the “holy awe” & insight into the Word of God.
Acts 2:11 We heard them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues.
The 21st century Church & its many voices cannot distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Is there something Missing in The 21st Century Church?

Standing in God's Way (Key verse of Chapter 11)

1. **Acts 11:17** So if God gave them the same gift, he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?”
2. **Are Christians** standing in God’s way? If so, how are we? What needs to change?

Acts 11 (Summary)

1. **Acts 11:1-18** a summary of Chapter 10 Repeating that Cornelius was God fearing.
2. **Acts 11:19-26** Salvation comes to Antioch where they are first called Christians.
3. **Acts 11:27-30** A prophet Agabus gives a prophetic message about a literal famine.
4. **The name “Christian”** was a derogatory term given to the gentiles as a joke by the Jewish followers of Jesus.
5. **The fear of the Lord** is a main ingredient to the miracles & salvations we see in the book of Acts.

Picture of the great falling away: 30% of Christians don’t believe Jesus is God.

Could Christian leaders be the locust who destroyed “The Fear of the Lord?”

Famine & (The Cruel Bread of China)

Fear of the Lord & (The Cruel Bread of Christianity)

The Word of God

Jeremiah 5:21-22 Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear:

22 **Should you not fear me?**" declares the LORD. **"Should you not tremble in my presence?** I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar, but they cannot cross it.

Jeremiah 5:23 But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away.

24 **They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the LORD our God,** who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.'

The Fear of the Lord

1. **Jeremiah 5:23** They do not say, let us fear God.
2. **Jeremiah 5:22** God asks the questions. Should you not fear me? Should you not tremble?
3. **I want a healthy,** biblical fear of the Lord!
4. **Amos 7:8** God tells the prophet I am setting a plumb line. This a vertical standard to see if the northern nation is centered on God.
5. **The Holy Spirit is our plumb line.** His presence & the Word of God will keep you centered on God. If we aren't center on God, He will abandon us to our own ways.

Plumb line picture

Amos 8:11-14

The Days are Here

1. **Two-Thirds of Churches** don't preach the Biblical truths. They teach cultural helps. The famine is here.
2. **All you need is love!** Is a false message it came from the Beatles.
3. **Acts 9:31** **We must teach** our new believers the fear of Lord and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit.
4. **Acts 10:2** **Don't be concerned** with their background, for Cornelius was a devout God- fearing man.
5. **Acts 11:17** **So Remember:** Peter feared God now more than life. He saw what God was doing in Antioch and would not think of standing in God's way. Even though it would not be understood by the Jews in Jerusalem.