# **Dry Bones Christian Fellowship**

The time is coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They will wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they will run back and forth to seek the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. [Amos 8:11-12]

Are you a Christian?

Are you tired of your Church?

Are you frustrated by the lack of engagement of your Church leaders with the dominant cultural issues?

Is the Christianity you've been preached so 'simplistic and safe' – so watered down and diluted – that it represents salt that's lost its saltiness (Matt 5:13)?

Contemporary evangelical Christians have, by and large, suffered the dereliction of faith on account of the faithless preaching and teaching of their Church leaders. This was true of the spiritual eldership in Jeremiah's day and its just as true today.

# **Authentic Christianity**

Real Christianity, under God,

- has inherent power to 'turn the world upside down';
- presents its message as public truth with objectivity, challenging ANTITHETICALLY all false worldviews and contrary ideologies.

Jesus is NOT content to have "a seat at the table in the market-place of ideas". Rather, He owns the table! He commands ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT!

The true gospel of Jesus Christ, the true message of the cross addresses itself to the hearts & consciences of all human beings with equal efficacy. Why? Because we are ALL creatures of God, made in God's own image. Therefore, authentic Biblical truth can be comprehended by all.

Scripture declares,

# God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who [d]suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is [e]manifest [f]in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and [g]Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like [h]corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Calling ALL concerned, disenchanted & GENUINE Christians.... "Do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Dry Bones is an informal fellowship of Christians who meet together weekly to promote the cause of the kingdom of heaven here upon earth. We dare to take Jesus at His word, believing that "The kingdoms of the world have become (in principle) the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

We simply believe Jesus when He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you."

Want to know more? Want to get involved? Contact Steve Layfield: 07468857104. Alternatively, message me at steve.layfield@gmail.com.

We meet at Memorare – Dunston Bank, Gateshead. NE11 9AQ.

Meetings are at 7.00pm on Sunday evenings.





# What We Profess:

#### The Doctrine of Scripture

We believe that the Scriptures, of both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired, inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Word of God written. The Bible is the complete revelation of God's will for salvation, and the ultimate authority on all issues of life, faith, and practice of the Christian religion. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

# **The Doctrine of God**

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinite, perfect, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is sovereign in His power and purpose and has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

#### The Doctrine of Man

We believe that God created Adam and Eve (our first parents) in His own image. That Adam by the volition of his own free will did sin against God in the Garden and thereby has brought the curse and wrath of God upon all mankind since he was our federal representative (original sin). All men are born in sin, under its bondage, and cannot be reconciled to God apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ being applied to him through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

# **The Doctrine of Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. He was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute,

shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

# The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit's work to regenerate sinners, and by Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

#### The Doctrine of the Church

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone, in Christ alone, for their salvation. The elect are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. To this church, God has given the gifts of the ministry and the ordinances. The Lord Jesus Christ gave two ordinances to His church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these sacraments confirm and nourish the believer as public means of grace. Particular congregations may be members of the visible church according as they preach and embrace the true Word of God and administer the ordinances.

# The Doctrine of Christian Living (Worldview)

We believe that God has given to mankind the duty to exercise dominion over His creation so that in all things God is honoured and glorified. From the beginning, God created man to worship and serve Him. As a result of God's justifying grace, we are called as believers to live a separated life unto God according to God's Word. We have been called to make disciples of all the nations of the earth by preaching and teaching all things He has commanded us. It is the duty of believers to apply God's Word to every area of life, and to bring all things under the Crown Rights of Jesus Christ seeking the transformation of our culture.

# **The Doctrine of Last Things**

We believe in the personal, bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ at the consummation of history. The dead, consisting of believers and non-believers, shall be raised up in final judgment. Those who are saved shall be raised up unto everlasting life and those who have rejected Christ unto eternal damnation. We believe that it is the current duty of the Church (Christians) to expand and build the Kingdom of Christ wherein Christ shall be the head of all things unto all men.

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