Preachers are actors. The Charismatic Movement has helped to produce a flood of them. Churchgoers have come to expect nothing more than emotion and stage performance from churches. They are satisfied by entertainment, excitement, or scandal. They do NOT expect to be taught! They only want to sit and observe.

Churches have produced nothing practical. Churchgoers expect nothing practical from churches. Indeed, churches have achieved their goal — to neutralize Christians!

**CHURCHES = SUBTERFUGE**

A "church" is NOT an "ecclesia" — as the English versions of the Bible attempt to say. The churches won't admit it, however. They prefer to just ignore the two words and avoid bringing any attention to them. Churchgoers get caught up in playing the game of church which dissipates and neutralizes them through useless rituals and countless activities like the ones illustrated on our cover. Every week they repeat the ritual, feeling holy, never questioning anything, never discovering any more than they are programmed to know. The game captures and holds them in its sticky web of unity, herd pressure (pressure to conform), and superstition (fear of the unknown). They become slavish addicts who don't dare step out of line for fear of getting kicked out of the church herd (excommunication).

Ecclesias are different in important ways. Understanding these differences causes a profound change in your understanding of the Bible and your grasp of the gospel of the kingdom.

Getting a grasp of this important word may not be easy. Some commentaries prove to be little or no help because they condescend to the churches in equating "ecclesia" with "church." Obvious differences are glossed over.

In part one of this study, we defined "ecclesia." It is a Greek New Testament word meaning THE CALLED-OUT (ONES); THE CHOSEN; THE ELECT — [EK = out; from; KALEO = call].

The word "church," as it appears in the English versions of The New Testament, is wrong. It gives a wrong impression. Nonetheless, "church" was used by the King James translators to replace "ecclesia." In every single case in the New Testament, "church" is the wrong word.

Some of the earliest English translators chose not to use the word "church" to translate "ecclesia" into English. Rather, they kept "ecclesia," or else they used the English word "congregation." The word "church," was later used to replace "ecclesia" for the purpose of justifying a different institution.

By 1611 (when the King James Version was published) the translators, and their public, had obviously become comfortable with the other institution — and the other word: "church."

The "church" is a distinct religious system created to propagate religion and superstition under the guidance of the State. It does not fit the description of an ECCLESIA. An ecclesia is a political body of Christians, under Christ. It is...
free, self-governing, and is made up of families and communities working to-gether under the Reign of Christ — otherwise called “the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The 1st-century Christians quickly learned that they had to get away from the churches (also called synagogues) because they stifled truth and freedom. They left the churches/synagogues to the Judaizers, and began forming ecclesias (wrongly called “churches” by the KJV translators). All that exciting activity in the New Testament was “ecclesias activity” — not “church activity.” Its purpose and impact was quite different from the false scenario painted by the churches. The excitement was not over a new church, but a new government.

The apostles and disciples were “called out” of the Roman/Jewish syna-gogue/church systems and brought back to the real world. In this process, ECCLESIAS (i.e., independent Christian communities) were formed. This was also called “coming out of Babylon.”

RELIGION? ... OR KINGDOM?

The key to beginning to understand the difference between “a church” and “an ecclesia” is this: one has to do with religion, and the other has to do with government. Christ didn’t set up a new religion! He set up a kingdom government! Thus, Christ’s government system was immediately at war with the government systems of the world (i.e., the dragon of Revelation).

Jesus called his followers to withdraw themselves from the Roman/Jewish political systems (i.e., the beast system). He called them to form their own independent political systems based upon God’s law and the patriarchal, family-type system which is God’s true plan for civil government among men.

Does this ecclesia system of government relate to us today? Well, as Solomon said, “There is nothing new under the sun.” The problems have not changed all that much. Man’s tendency toward slavery is still a fact. Central govern-ments are still basically the same in our day as they were in the first cen-tury. Central government is the proverbial Babylonian beast system, and we are still being “called out” of Babylon. We are still commanded to withdraw ourselves from the beast system.

But, the process is not easy, nor is it as quick as we would like. It requires a change in the public perspective. It re-quires that people lose their love of Baby-lon. As we begin to develop bona fide ECCLESIAS around the country, we will cause people to become more and more withdrawn and independent from the central government system of Baby-lon (Bush’s New World Order). We will become less and less enslaved to it. But the first, and perhaps most important (and difficult), step is to convince people that they do not need “Big Brother.”

The old brainwash of, “the Consti-tution is good, but the politicians are bad,” MUST BE ABANDONED! The Constitution is what empowers the politi-cians to do what they do. The Constitution created a bad government. It’s time the true patriots admit it, and stop their tacit support of the Beast that they otherwise profess to hate. Christ said, YOU CANNOT SERVE TWO MAS-TERS! Paul said, YOU CANNOT SIT AT THE TABLE OF DEVILS AND THE TABLE OF GOD AT THE SAME TIME. Following Gideon’s example, we must throw down our idols (i.e., our worship of central government) and reform ourselves and our families, – and thus, our communities, into free civil bodies. These individual, independent communi-ties of free Christians are what the Greek Scriptures call “ECCLESIAS.”

The obvious truth of it is compelling. You cannot avoid it. The Beast System – designed by man and controlled by man (like the US Government) – are all failures and are destined to incur hatred and wrath.

2. ...Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...

4. ...Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.

6. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled, fill to her double.

 Revelation 18:2-6

Centralized (collectivist) govern-ments are evil, corrupt, and destructive. They are designed only to enslave the masses under myriads of edicts, ordi-nances, codes, licenses, fees, and taxes invented by grasping, greedy men.

So, those of you who still cling to a hope that central government can save you – guess again. You will eventually be forced to abandon that false hope and turn and look to Jesus for your leadership. This change of vision – from believing in man, to believing in Christ – is the change that gives us the capability to “see the Kingdom of God.” In John 3:3, Jesus says, “Except a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Once we see that Christ is our reign-ing king, we can no longer support the lawless systems of man which operate upon the principle of “milk the public for all it’s worth, and destroy all opposition.” ...your adversary the devil (central government), as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour; Whom resist steadfast in the faith... (1 Peter 5:8-9)

TEAR DOWN AND DON'T REBUILD

The concept of Christ’s reign, and the ecclesia system, is not easily grasped by people who have lived most of their lives brainwashed to follow the churches’ propaganda. It’s not that truth is elu-sive. Rather, people just have a hard time letting go of the delusion. But, they must let go!

The process of changing one’s mind about central government usually precipitates many questions. HOW DOES

CHURCH

Anyone may be excused for being a bit confused about the meaning of the word “church”; we use the word in so many ways. It means a particular building (e.g., “the church on fourth street”), a denomination or organized faith (e.g., the Reformed Church in America), and even a Sunday meeting (e.g., “Did you go to church today?”). None of these uses is particularly biblical. The church (ekklesia) is a basic NT theme, and we need to understand this meaning-filled word in its biblical sense.

In Greek culture, an ekklesia was a political assembly. By the fifth century B.C. ekklesia had come to mean an official gathering of the full citizens of a Greek city-state (polis) who were called together to make political and judicial decisions. The Greeks never used ekklesia to refer to religious fellowships.

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AN ECCLESIA WORK? WHAT IS ITS STRUCTURE? HOW, EXACTLY, IS IT DIFFERENT FROM CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT?

First, an admission. I am an iconoclast by definition. An iconoclast is a person who tears down icons. Icons are relics of worship; sacred cows, as it were, held in reverence by religion and religious people. An icon can be any sort of idol: a statue, a picture, a stained glass window in a church, a doctrine, an organization, a preacher, a government—or anything that is idolized and worshipped.

People love icons. I tear them down. And, in doing so, I make people mad at me. I incur the wrath of those who love their icons (idols). But this is what I am called to do. This is what I do best.

CHURCH is an icon/idol. So is CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. I'm tearing these idols down in the minds of Christians. I'm causing Christians to lose their reverence for them. As central government and the church system are dethroned in your mind, you find yourself thinking like a free man. Next you start acting like a free man. You suddenly realize that, up till now, you had never really understood the meaning of freedom. The feeling is wonderful! As the Psalmist said, "Truly the light is sweet!" BUT, the first steps can be bitter. People tend to get upset with me for belittling their cherished icons.

Church is an icon that must be thrown down. However, it is only a diversionary tool designed to keep slaves from discovering the true nature of central government. Central government is the thing that has usurped the ecclesia of God. "Church" is only subterfuge. The direct problem is central government. Central government uses the church system to help keep it camouflaged. "Church" is the front man for the big criminals.

Slavery minded people are quick to object to this. It takes time for their slavery mentality to wear down. We must not get discouraged by objections from new-comers. One of the objections I often hear from new-comers is: "Well, you can't just tear down our present government without replacing it with something. It is easy to tear down, but what do you propose to build in its place?"

Have you heard that one? It almost sounds sensible. But, the fact is, it simply doesn't apply to the subject of central government. When the Beast (central government) falls, should we replace it? I say no! Our ancestors failed to escape the Beast System because as one central government fell, they replaced it with another, and another, and another. And, I submit that they replaced one failure with another failure worse than the previous one.

The menace was not removed in the past because, as one demon was cast out, another greater demon was being ushered in to take its place. It is like a person saying "We need to get rid of the prisons in our land." and another person replying, "Well, we can't just tear down the prisons without replacing them with something!" Do you see the point? A prison is a prison – and prisons are bad. There are no good prisons. Why replace a prison system with another prison system when prisons are condemned by God?

When you cut out cancer, you don't replace it with something similar – as if the cancer had been filling a needed position. It is easy to see that prisons are evil and, therefore, when we tear them down we don't need to replace them. Rather, we need to tear them down and abandon the whole concept. The same is true with central government. We not only have the wrong form of government ... we have about one million times too much of it. Our present government is not only evil, it is overgrown, abusive and top-heavy. It invades, and pervades, every nook and cranny in every business and home. It must be torn down and NOT replaced! It must be eliminated! We need some breathing room!

Understand that an ecclesia is NOT a replacement for central government. Rather, it is an alternative. I am NOT proposing that we REPLACE central government with ecclesiastical government. I'm proposing that we switch from slavery to freedom. I'm saying that we don't need a hoard of bureaucrats to control our lives for us. We don't need corporate national government to control the states. We don't need corporate state government to control the counties. We don't need corporate county government to control the cities. We don't need corporate city government to control businesses and citizens. We don't need corporate federal and state banks to control our money. We don't need corporate state schools to train our children. We don't need corporate state schools to train our children. We don't need corporate central government on every level. We don't need the gigantic leviathan beast plundering us. We don't need the beast in every station of our lives. We don't need the beast that appears (claims to be) gentle like a lamb but speaks (rules) like the old dragon.

11. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
12. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
13. And he doeth great wonders...
14. And deceives them that dwell on the earth...
15. And he had power...
16. And he causes all, both small and
I am proposing that we drop central government – cut it off at the roots and let it die on the vine. It is parasitic and cannot survive on its own, without a host. All we have to do is stop volunteering to be its host. Stop donating our blood to feed it. We must stop underwriting the destroyers. We must start developing independent Christian families and communities.

Public dependence upon the beast in Washington D.C. has been a grave error. Central government sucks our blood and tells us it is good for us. We outgrew our supposed dependence on leeches in medicine – why can’t we outgrow them in government? Why have we been so gullible? Must we, like lamings, never question the worn path which leads us over the cliffs? Must we, like ignorant, indulgent parents raising a spoiled child, support a government whose purpose is to harvest us like a crop of wheat, or milk us like a herd of cattle? Let it suck its own blood, instead of ours, and see how long it survives. Let the bloodsuckers get a real job, or die of starvation! And, if they refuse, let them know that we will not willingly and blindly support them ever again!

Why replace that which we don’t need? Central government is our greatest enemy. Anyone who says we must support a government to get honest gain must be right (Judges 21:25). Their leadership was from the patriarch and judges. God was the only Lawgiver as well as the ultimate Judge. There was no central government to tell them what to do, and there was no church system to block their thinking ability.

A patriarchy is the leader of a large family – by extension, a clan or tribe. A clan, or tribe, may be large enough to occupy a whole community. When Joshua took the children of Israel into the promised land it was divided into 12 large parcels and apportioned among the 12 clans (the families of the 12 sons of Jacob). Each clan (tribe) was its own community, and it was apportioned land for inheritance. Each tribe, with its land parcel, was led by its own recognized patriarchs and judges. The patriachs and judges were also the ones who periodically met, in Jerusalem, with the patriarch and judges of the other tribes. There, they worked out plans of cooperation with regard to na-

**WHY FREEDOM SURVIVES IN ECCLESIAS**

Ecclesias are the natural, healthy form of community for man. It is not just another form of control. It is not a church. It is freedom and independence at the local level.

But, someone may say, “Ecclesiastical government is defined in the law dictionaries as a type of centralized government for churches.” And, that is true. Law dictionaries define “ecclesiastical” from the viewpoint of the churches. Churches have used the term wrongly and the courts have upheld the lie for obvious reasons.

A Christian ecclesia is built upon the principle of INDEPENDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT UNDER CHRIST (independent from men – not independent from Christ). As a family unit works (independently and with the husband as its head) so an ecclesia works on a larger scale (with Christ as its head). This well-known form of government was more common in the past. It was called a PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY. This civil association (co-op) is the type we find in the book of Judges when God was king in Israel, and there were no human kings ruling over them. Each individual, and each family, were free, and personally responsible, to do what they believed to be right (Judges 21:25). Their leadership was from the patriarch and judges.

**CHURCH**

The English word “church” is derived from the Gk. kyriakos (as in kyriakon doma or kyriake oikia, meaning “the Lord’s house,” i.e., a place of worship).

“Church” in the N.T., however, comes from Gk. ekklesia... Although we often speak of these congregations collectively as “the N.T. church” or “the early church,” no N.T. writer uses ekklesia in this way. An ekklesia was a meeting or assembly. Its most common use was for the public assembly of citizens duly summoned, which was a feature of all the cities outside Judæa where the gospel was planted (e.g. Acts 19:39); ekklesia was also used among the Jews (LXX) for the “congregation” of Israel which was constituted at Sinai and assembled before the Lord at the annual feasts in the persons of its representative males (Acts 7:38)
The term “church” was of later usage and not known in the early days. “Eta” in Aramaic means “group, or congregation, composed of elders and town counselors who generally arbitrate disputes and settle quarrels, and pass judgment on legal matters.”

Nomads, as well as inhabitants in small country places, are governed by a group of elders selected from among themselves. These elders are also members of the chief’s cabinet who advise on tribal matters. They sit in judgment and pronounce sentences of punishment.

When peaceful means fail to bring settlement between the parties involved, the case is brought before one or two of the Elders, and when the guilty is discovered, he is admonished and chastised or punished.

In the wilderness, Moses selected a group of elders to act as judges, but important cases were submitted to him as chief justice (Exodus 19:25; Deuteronomy 22:18). This custom still prevails in many Eastern countries where the Patriarch acts as chief justice, and the bishops and ministers are the judges. Smaller cases are arbitrated by lay members.

As this scripture plainly shows, the tithe is for the land; the nation. It is certainly NOT talking about sending money to a church organization! But preachers use this scripture to threaten and shame you into giving them your money. Here, again, the churches have misconstrued and misused scripture. This tithe is not for churches; not for temples; not for evangelists; not for TV ministries and saving souls from hell. It is for upholding the individual’s rights under the law of God and for upholding the sacredness of the family unit, the clan, the lands and the nations - and to insure that we have righteous leaders who protect the land, and don’t plunder the people. This is the patriarchal form of government.

In the New Testament scriptures, this form of society is called “the ecclesia.” It simply means THE BODY OF CALLED-OUT CHRISTIANS. It works the same as the Isrealite tribes, or clans, worked in old Israel. They were called out of Egypt to form free families and communities within a free land. The 1st-century Christians, by the same token, were called out of the Roman system. We, today, are still being called out of the One-World beast system to form our own ecclesias (politically-independant, patriarchal-type communities under the reign of Christ).

This MANCHILD symbolized government by God, as manifested through Christ (i.e. the ecclesia). The DRAGON symbolized central government by man.

In chapter 12, verse 5, we are told that the ecclesia (MANCHILD) was to “SHEPHERD the nations with a staff of iron.” Christ’s kingdom government (the ecclesia) presented a great threat to dragon government. So, the dragon, being a beast of prey, simply tried to do what it had to do to survive: he tried to destroy the competition - i.e., the ecclesia. But, the last part of verse 5 tells us that the ecclesia (Christ and his system of government) was “caught away unto God’s throne.” In other words, Christ’s government became in-

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organized crime. It certainly is NOT a benevolent institution for the good of the people. We should educate our families to see the truth of the political events near us and around the world. And, if our children will do the same in each succeeding generation, truth and freedom will grow exponentially. Thus, the numbers of people who can see THE KINGDOM will grow with each succeeding generation. And, each generation will reach millions of others who will come to see the light. Eventually, the beast will starve and die!

This we will do by starting right now with our own families! Our families will grow into communities. And our communities will populate the land.

How, you may ask, will we prevent central government from encroaching again upon our communities? The answer is rather simple once you grasp it. We simply apply the law of Yahweh which commands us to prohibit the establishment of other gods (i.e., law systems) in our land. “Other gods” is a Bible term meaning “other governments.” To prevent central government in our land, all we need to do is obey God’s law which forbids any form of monopolization, centralization, state corporation, state licensing, standing armies (i.e., policemen) and any other tool of central control. Central government is the Babylonian model of government! It is organized crime! It is plunder. God’s law forbids it. To guard against it, we only have to remember God’s law and refuse to accept any form of central rulership among men.

The answer for establishing godly government is ... QUIT SEEKING A GOVERNMENT OF MEN. Stop lusting after a system which centralizes and amasses power. We (and our European and English ancestors) have had it all backwards up to now. We were brainwashed into thinking that freedom depended upon having a large central system of government. But, the truth is, freedom depends just the opposite.

Each individual needs to be responsible for defending his own rights and liberty. He can’t hire mercenaries to do it for him. Mercenaries, in the end, take over the land.

How will we punish crime, you may ask? Who will enforce the law? Again, the answer is so simple we generally overlook it. Many prefer to overlook the answer because they shun responsibility. True freedom scares them. But the answer is obvious.

Crime (i.e., sin) among men is the act of harming someone. Crime is committed against INDIVIDUALS. Crime cannot be committed against “a state” or “a nation” unless it harms at least one individual within that “state.” Courts, today, claim to prosecute people for “crimes against the nation,” or “the state.” However, most prosecutions are for victimless crimes where the state cannot produce an individual victim of the alleged crime. The question we’ve been asking for a long time is simply this: how can “the state” be damaged without a single individual being damaged? That would be like accusing someone of damaging your body without injuring any of the cells.

Thus, in trials where the state is the plaintiff, the defendant is denied the right to face his victim – because there is none. No one was damaged! The court system is 100% heathen and unjust. It is tyranny, pure and simple. In order for a real crime to have happened, it must be traced to at least one real victim. The accusation itself must be made by the damaged victim himself. It is the victim’s right to accuse his attacker. It is not the duty of the state to do it for him – as the courts claim today!

The individual, himself, must defend himself from harm with all means available to him. And, when a crime has been committed, and an individual has been damaged, he must prove it in a court of law. Then he, himself, must enforce the punishment upon the defendant. The court will verify that he has the authority to enforce the punishment – but the court can’t enforce it for him.

**EKKLESIA** (ἐκκλησία), from ek, out of, and klesis, a calling (kaleo to call), was used among the Greeks of a body of citizens gathered to discuss the affairs of State (Acts 19:39). In the Septuagint it was used to designate the gathering of Israel, summoned for any definite purpose, or a gathering regarded as representative of the whole nation.

"BUT THAT WOULD BE TAKING THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS!" you say. That is absolutely correct! Gods laws are designed for the individual. In fact, the individual is truly the ONLY one that can protect himself from damage. Police, even if they wanted to, cannot prevent crime – any more than a fireman can prevent fires. However, a sawed-off shotgun, or a 45 caliber pistol in the hand of a would-be victim, stops crime very effectively. It works without fail. Crime is committed by bullies and thieves. Bullies and thieves succeed only when their victims are unable to protect themselves or their property. However, even a 90-pound grandma can squeeze the trigger of a gun that can stop a bully. It has been said that "God created all men, but Samuel Colt made them equal."

Freedom requires the ability to defend yourself against those who would take freedom from you. For that reason, in a free land, there can be no monopolies on law enforcement. Each person must enforce the law. Godly courts (judges) can interpret the law, but only individuals should enforce it.

When people defend themselves, police and central government lose business. This they do not like! For that reason, Americans are programmed daily to NOT TAKE THE LAW INTO OUR OWN HANDS! After all, the bureaucrats need something to do. They want you to call the police and beg them to protect you. Then they want you to send a few reams of typewritten paper through their offices begging the courts for justice – something they know nothing of. This gives them the appearance of doing something useful. This illusion is necessary if they are to keep collecting taxes for their plush salaries and retirements, and funding with which they hire lawyers and judges to entrap and prosecute you, and hire police thugs to beat you up.

Most patriots still think they are fighting Russians, as if the Russians were some kind of an immediate threat to our way of life. What nonsense! I've lived over 40 years in America and have yet to receive any noticeable damage from a Russian. However, our "capitalistic" central government has damaged me greatly – and continues daily. It steals from me; it oppresses me; it lies to me; it gives away my inheritance to foreigners; it brings other gods into my community; it enslaves my children. I am damaged in more ways than I can list by the American dragon power. My worst enemy is not in Moscow – it is in Washington D.C.

Moscow has served as a straw-man; a diversion; substitute to divert our eyes off our real enemies in Washington D.C.

Patriarchal Government

Godly government (Christian Self-Discipline) is quite different from central government. Detractors try to say that self government cannot work. They say it is insufficient by itself to keep order in a land. But, the Bible says otherwise. Logic says otherwise. Liberty demands otherwise!

The New Testament provides the following list of titles for leaders in ecclesias. Remember these are NOT offices on a church board. Jesus' kingdom is concerned with freedom in government and not with playing the useless game of church!

1. ELDER – [Gk. presbuteros]older man; someone with experience and wisdom (like a patriarch).

1. Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren.
   1 Timothy 5:1

("presbytery" = body of elders - 1 Tim. 4:14)

5. For this cause I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are wanting, and establish elders in each body politic (Gk "polis" = "body politic" [i.e., the civil body; an ecclesia]).
   Titus 1:5

23. And when they had appointed them elders in each ecclesia, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
   Acts 14:23

2. OVERSEER – [BISHOP; Gk. episkopos] – EPI (over) + SKOPOS (sight) = overseer; administrator; (a judge).

1...If a man desires the overeeship, he desires a good work. An overseer then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, of good behaviour, ...
   1 Timothy 3:1-7

7. For an overseer must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-pleasing, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; ...
   Titus 1:7

(Oversseers (judges) were picked from among the elders (patriarchs) of each ecclesia. Paul charges the overseers to protect the people against the "devil" of central government.)

1. The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind:

3. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
   1 Peter 5:1-3

3. MINISTER – [GK. DIAKONOS] one who runs errands, a minister; a servant [erroneously transliterated "deacon," by churches, as an office of the church]. Ministers should serve essentially the same function as the ancient Levites.

8. Ministers (deacons) must likewise be serious, not double-tongued,
not given to much wine, not greedy of wrongful gain.
9. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
10. And let these also first be proved; then let them serve, being unac-
cusacible.
12. Let the ministers be husbands of one wife, with upstanding children
in their own houses as well.
13. For they that minister well acquire
good to themselves and much testimony in faith which is in Christ
Jesus.

1 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Timothy confirms that this lesson in government is about the ecclesia:

14. These things I am writing to you, hoping to come to you quickly.
15. But, in the event that I am slow, (I write this) in order that you may
know how to conduct yourself in the house (i.e., kingdom) of god,
which is the ecclesia of the living god, and pillar and ground of truth.

1 1 Timothy 3:14-15

I have likened Christ’s ecclesia form of government to the patriarchal-type
government we read about in the Old Scriptures. Each tribe (clan) was inde-
pendent. This idea shouldn’t be so for-
gn to us. Our Scottish cousins and an-
cestors have carried on the tradition of patriarchs and clans up to the present
day – albeit, since Britain annexed Scot-
lad into the United Kingdom, much of the Scottish heritage has been lost –
along with their ecclesia clans.

But let me show you an example of
an ecclesia at work. This example is
actually a patriarchal clan:

11. And they (an invading army under
four kings: Chedorlaomer, Tidal,
Amraphel, and Arioch) took all the
goods of Sodom and Gomorrah,
and all their victuals, and went their
way.
12. And they took Lot. Abram’s
brother’s son, who dwelt in Sodom,
and his goods, and departed.
13. And there came one that had
escaped, and told Abram the
Hebrew: for he dwelt in the plain of
Mamre the Amorite, brother of
Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and
these were confederate (had
agreed to cooperate) with Abram.
14. And when Abram heard that his
brother was taken captive, he
armed his trained servants, born in
his own house, three hundred and
eighteen, and pursued them unto
Dan.
15. And he divided himself against
them, he and his servants, by
night, and smote them, and
pursued them unto Hobah, which is
on the left hand of Damascus.
16. And he brought back all the
goods, and also brought again his
brother Lot, and his goods, and the
women also, and the people.

Genesis 14:11-16

Abram’s clan didn’t ask for govern-
ment authorization, or a permit, before
taking care of the problem. Abram didn’t
expect the local police to enforce the
law for him. He didn’t ask permission
to defend his family. He just did it! He
and his own family enforced the law and
defended themselves. Abram, the pa-
triarch, took the law into his own hands
and did what was right. This is the eccle-
sian way.

PLAYGROUNDS: TRAINING FOR SLAVERY

In forming ecclesias in our land, our
biggest task will NOT be in organizing
and institutionalizing. Rather, it will be
in DE-ORGANIZING and DE-INSTITU-
TIONALIZING! Americans are pro-
grammed, organized, institutionalized,
and herded around, from one game to
another, until they don’t know what’s
happening. They wouldn’t know how to
act if they didn’t have a ruel herding
them around like a bunch of steers.

Men and governments remind me
of children on a playground at public
school (Those of you who went to pub-
clic schools should be able to relate to
this.). When recess comes, the children
run out to the playground, anxious to
play... but someone has to decide which
game to play.

One kid gets his way, and the oth-
ers go along with him. If another kid
manages to finagle his way into control,
then everyone does what he says for a
while. Thus, they change leaders again
and again. There can be any number of
games with different game rules. Each
leader’s set of rules represents a tem-
porary government. Each leader repres-
tants a temporary ruler. This is the way
of kids (and politicians).

Playgrounds are training arenas for
slave children! It teaches them to follow
other children, and adopt other kids’
ideas as their own for the sake of unity
– so they can continue playing games.
The greatest fear in the mind of the child
is that the playing might stop. They don’t
want to stop playing. They will compro-
mise anything, and even allow them-
selves to be cheated by another kid, if
necessary, in order for the playing to
continue.

This playground training infects the
child’s mind so deeply that he will never
completely overcome it. A child who has
gone to public school will have perma-
nent damage to his mental faculties. It
destroys individuality, self-government
and self-confidence. It turns kids into
“joiners,’’ and sets them up for being
obedient, conforming slaves of central
government, and churches, when they
grow up. It also provides early practical
training for future politicians and church
builders who will use the playground
training to help them organize their own
profit-making games when they are
grownups playing “government’’ and
“church.”

Politics is a game – the big-league
playground. A society which accepts
central government is like kids addicted
to game-playing. UNITY must be main-
tained for the sake of the games.

The politicians wait in the wings for
their chance to advance to a more pow-
erful position – like the children on the
playground just waiting their chance to
dictate their own rules to fit their own
ambitions and prejudices, and to ben-
efit themselves. The object is to make
everyone else do what YOU want to do,
and the rules are changeable at any time.

The priests, also, do their job of
keeping the people exercised and in
shape by inundating them with church
programs. Also, there are other games
like Rotary Club, Masonic Orders, etc.
Such games are herd drills – good prac-
tice for the big-league.

The point is that we need to grow
up and quit playing kid games. Ameri-
cans have had central government
games so long they don’t know any
other way to play. They wouldn’t know
what to do if the game stopped.

CONCLUSION

We must stop repeating the old hab-
its of our ancestors. Remember how the
Children of Israel were delivered,
through Moses, from the institutions and political slavery of Egypt? However, once they were free they looked around and realized that the illusions were gone. They were dumbfounded! They hadn’t been free but a few days before they began to complain about the lack of government in their lives. They were hooked on the drug of government, and were having withdrawal symptoms.

Moses hadn’t organized, institutionalized, and developed welfare games to take the place of those which they had become addicted to back in Egypt. They didn’t know how to function on their own. They wanted Moses to build another Egypt for them – only with a “kinder, gentler” slavery.

Americans are still there today! If we are to ever escape that vicious circle, we must stop thinking like kids on the playground. We are called to leave Babylon. We are not called to build another Babylon to replace the old one!

We should opt for the ecclesia, with its patriarchal-type, free kingdom. And, as we work toward that, God will reveal more insight into its fulfillment.

In Fredrick Bastiat’s classic book, THE LAW, the following quote describes the correct Christian attitude toward central government:

“Away with the whims of governmental administrators, their socialized projects, their centralization, their tariffs, their government schools, their state religions, their free credit, their bank...
monopolies, their regulations, their restrictions, their equalization by taxation, and their pious moralizations!

And now that the legislators and do-gooders have so futilely inflicted so many systems upon society, may they finally end where they should have begun: MAY THEY REJECT ALL SYSTEMS, and try liberty; for liberty is an acknowledgment of faith in God and His works."

—THE LAW, Fredrick Bastiat

Fredrick Bastiat, a century and a half ago, described the basic tenets of the ecclesia! He simply called it “liberty.” He correctly labels all who cannot kick the habit of central government as “faithless,” in that they refuse to acknowledge Christ’s Kingdom.

The Kingdom of Jesus has been planting seeds of freedom and independence all over the world in every land where He pursued scattered Israel. These seeds have been growing steadily for centuries. They have been there growing, in spite of oppression from central governments. With all the scheming of the enemies, Christ’s kingdom survives in thousands of locations.

7. Of the increase of this government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David.

Isaiah 9:7

Our greatest, and most urgent, mission today is to wake people up to the message of the Kingdom of Christ: to get them thinking about the Kingdom of God and how it applies to us right now! To do this, the people who have been sidetracked by the churches must be enlightened. They must be shaken out of their stupor. If we must offend them, then so be it. Whatever it takes to break their hypnosis, we must do it.

As people begin to look out across the fields of wheat and tares, and as their eyes are opened to the Kingdom, they will begin to see the difference between ecclesias and churches. And, as the people see the difference, the charlatans and church builders will be exposed, and Christ and His Kingdom will take on new meaning to them.

But, I repeat – our task is NOT to organize and build a central system. Rather, it is to DE-ORGANIZE AND STOP SUPPORTING A SYSTEM!

This is the hope for freedom for our people. We need faith, a sincere spirit, and open eyes to see the Kingdom of God: that “City of God” – the ecclesia.

END OF PART 2 – WHAT IS THE ECCLESIA?