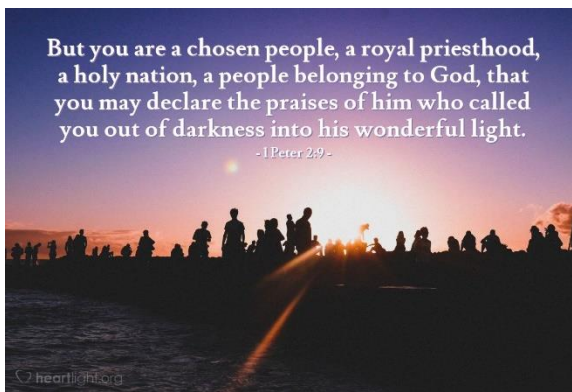


## How Much?

Would you agree that the purpose of the Church is to be the visible Body of Christ in the world? That is, that representing Jesus and His passion for the souls of men, and being vessels through whom His Life naturally flows to others, is what we are to be about?

And would you agree that the active work of His Holy Spirit is essential in making that happen?



If so, and if you go to church this weekend, try to judge (a good word there) how much of what happens is an expression of those assumptions, and how much simply represents an earthly institution whose agenda is accomplished by man's program. And if you don't go to church, judge why you do what you do and how it relates to those assumptions. Is your

spiritual journey this weekend "of God" or "of man"?

ARE we being about Fathers' business or are we basically doing our own thing, either individually or as institutions? It matters, and in the time soon to come it will be the difference between life and death.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." I Peter 2:9-10 niv

Ken Stoltzfus  
Kidron, Ohio USA  
June 26, 2021