

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

## *Is That You God?*

An optimistic realist

- **Optimistic** is the adjective
- **Realist** is the foundation

In a single phrase or word – tell me **something about 2020**

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What do you think about **2021** in light of 2020?

- The virus, social tensions, the economy, politics...
- Are you **hopeful, apprehensive, or even pessimistic?**

What do you think **God will do** in 2021?

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Looking back at Christmas...

- **How did God get Joseph & Mary to Bethlehem?**
  - Did He use priests or prophets?
  - **Caesar** commanded a worldwide census
  - Did people think it was **God**, or the devil?
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**How does God bring about His will?**

He gave Joseph (the earlier one) prophetic dreams!

- How did He make it happen?

**His brothers sold him into slavery...** after deciding not to kill him.

- Did anyone think it was God?
- .....

Jesus told His disciples to spread out over the whole world

**Mark 16:15 & Acts 1:8**

**“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”**

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.**

Who did God use to help them get out there?

**Titus.** No... not that Titus

The brutal Roman General **who crushed Jerusalem...**

- Causing everyone to **run for their lives, or die right there.**
  - **Jesus prophesied that one**
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**Psalms 66:8-12**

Does God intend blessing? Yes...

He also calls His people to **confession, repentance and purity.**

**Matthew 7:13-14 & 21-23** (Luke 6:46)

**I John 1:5-10**

**I Corinthians 6:9-11 & Galatians 5:19-23**

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What is **our testimony in the U.S.** these days?

- 1962, Banned God from public classrooms (Football coaches now fired for praying with players)

- 1973-now – 60 Million innocent children legally killed
- Every sexual sin protected & promoted (taught from Kindergarten & depicted on TV commercials)
- A sex change man named “Woman Of The Year” by Time magazine
- Same sex marriage
- Anyone calling sin, sin, is condemned for Hate Speech

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 What might God do?

**Romans 1:18-32**

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 What shall we do?

- Pray for the **convictions of The Holy Spirit & repentance...**
- And **live as Christ did** among a lost world

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**Do Not** become self-righteous and condemning...

Become a loving example of **who Jesus is...**

- **First** to each other (**John 13:34-35**)
- **Then** among those who don't know Him yet
- **Acts 2:42-47** is still how it's supposed to work

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**\*Love loves FIRST! (I John 4:19)**

- **And 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>... and Last!**
- **Love NEVER Fails! (I Corinthians 13:8)**

**Love like Jesus, and you may be treated like Jesus...**

- **That's when it matters most!**

We can't represent Him by being unlike Him

Decide that ahead of time – before it happens