

The Church in 40 Years 13 July 2019 - Karl Graser

Looking forward makes me look back and see how things have changed

The great divide - Increase between LIGHT & DARKNESS

LIGHT shines brightest in DARKNESS. Where sin abounds GRACE abounds more

He's come to set the captives FREE

He will build His church & is faithful to finish what He has started

We need to be filled / baptised HS so we can be revived

From their inner being will flow rivers of living waters

In those days I will pour out my Spirit - Sowing testimony...

UNITY & LOVE is key = Blessing / Act 2

Functioning Gifts = Unity, Maturity, Fullness
Eph 4:11-13 (READ)

Our work is two fold - The Church & The World

They will know we are Christians by our love...John 13:35

The world can see our fruit - His light reflects love, joy peace...

HOW DOES THE CHURCH LOOK IN 2060

God is positioning us for maximum impact

Simplify our lives and de-clutter so we can have more time and resources (Rather store up heaven)

Rick Joined - Sept 2010 (Simplify / Released / Joy / Mobilised)

(Tiny house / Minimalism / Clear debt)

Disciples sent in two's - Don't take an extra coat

God positioned them at Passover Feast / Baptised / Breathed
(They needed no other resources, just united, available & filled)

His anointing will produce remarkable results & miracles in every sphere and the church will function

Church 2060
Prophetic Declaration

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Scriptures taken from The Passion Translation

Church walls come down in the minds of people
and the gospel of peace is taken by beautiful feet
onto the highways and byways.

There are no barriers between denominations
as one Body links hands, Beloved of God.
The hierarchy of church leadership is found
on the soft place of kneeling side by side,
as brother and sister worshipping together.

“Be faithful to guard the sweet harmony of the Holy Spirit among you in the bonds of peace, being one body and one spirit, as you were all called into the same glorious hope of divine destiny.”
Ephesians 4:3-4

“That they may be One as we are One”
is the motto of hearts
and is lived out through each person
of every colour, culture or background.

“Our reconciling “Peace” is Jesus! He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ. By dying as our sacrifice, he has broken down every wall of prejudice that separated us and has now made us equal through our union with Christ. Two have now become one, and we live restored to God and reconciled in the body of Christ. Through his crucifixion, hatred died.” Ephesians 2:15-16

The Body is a celebration of friendship before function
where miracles, signs and wonders
follow those who believe and act as a catalyst
for great believing.

Humility is the fragrance that emanates
from the beautiful church of Christ in South Africa,
meeting where 2 or more are gathered together in His name
whether in cafes, homes, parks, gardens, businesses, church buildings, streets...

The cross is the centre and the simple gospel
will be the centre of the heart of the church.

Government, parliament, business, education and the arts, schools, universities, and media
will resonate with the influence
of the sound of the prophets and love of God
moving, shifting, breaking and shaking, building and growing unity
in our nation as creative strategies are released.

“...let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them.” Ephesians 4:29

The Body will lean into the HEAD of the church
for wisdom – and the heart of the Body
is FIRST LOVE.

“And now he is exalted as first above every ruler, authority, government, and realm of power in existence! He is gloriously enthroned over every name that is ever praised, not only in this age, but in the age that is coming! And he alone is the leader and source of everything needed in the church. God has put everything beneath the authority of Jesus Christ and has given him the highest rank above all others. And now we, his church, are his body on the earth and that which fills him who is being filled by it!” Ephesians 1:21-23

“But instead we will remain strong and always sincere in our love as we express the truth. All our direction and ministries will flow from Christ and lead us deeper into him, the anointed Head of his body, the church.” Ephesians 4:15

There will be intercessors in the secret place
moving the nation, innovators and entrepreneurs
in the forefront of business.

And a GLOBAL impact will be felt from South African
lovers of God.

The love of the Body is rooted in the identity
of Oneness with the Father, Son and Spirit.
A new confidence to be the voice of God
in our nation will resound with tones
of the authority that comes from love.

A spirit of sonship and adoption will be the
core of the DNA of the South African church.

“So, you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones, with all the rights as family members of the household of God.” Ephesians 2:19

A spirit of Belonging and Being before Doing
will be the source from which all Action flows.

Churches will be planted in our nation and from
out of our nation across borders into the world.

The control of man will be surrendered
to the control of God.

Funds will be released for mission and works of love,
through a radical and hilarious generosity
from all sectors of society.

A unique sound in WORSHIP will be released,
a celebration from the heart of the people
in our nation, collaboration, not replication.

“...let worship fill your heart and spill out in your words.” Ephesians 5:4

Global relationships across the worldwide Body
will grow and flourish.

The wounds of apartheid will be healed through the
outpouring of Holy Spirit in the cracks, mending rifts
with gold refined in the fire.

A new PURPOSE will sustain the Body,
VISION will be alive in a corporate sense
and this will flow into areas of influence.

A CREATIVE expression from out of the heart
of the Body will have a global impact
in bringing in the end-time harvest.

A rising up of authors, film makers,
worship innovators, musicians and artists.

A great mobilisation of each unique part
of the Body will cause a synchronous flow
and bring glory to God,
room for each expression without comparison or competition,
every gift mobilised in often surprising and exciting ways
will release JOY which in turn will release STRENGTH.

“In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows
coming at you from the Evil One!” Ephesians 6:16

“Embrace the power of salvation’s full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies.
And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken Word of God. Pray passionately in the
Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God
upon all his believers.” Ephesians 6:17-18

Revelation message to the churches:

- first love
- perseverance in the face of persecution/opposition
- feasting with Jesus in intimacy at the table
- open the door to his knocking, a listening church
- receive a new name – identity
- he will open and shut doors for the church
- remain in faithfulness
- stand out, differentiate, do not blend in or dial down the truth
- repent – turn back to the truth that brings freedom
- keep love a blazing fire by remaining in FIRST LOVE