

# The Main Points of My Bible Lessons During the COVID 19 Pandemic

1. True Christianity was never supposed to be easy. I haven't done a good enough job of teaching that to believers. Through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ we have been given all things that pertain to life and Godliness, but with all the blessings also comes tribulation and persecution. (2 Peter 1:3)(John 16:33)  
(1 Thessalonians 3:4)(2 Timothy 3:12)(1 Peter 4:12-16)
2. We are in the world but we are not of the world. We are way too connected to the world system. The New Covenant reminds us over and over to consider ourselves as being strangers and pilgrims on the earth. We are to be spiritually minded and realize that God is not a part of the world system and neither are we. The "Prosperity Gospel" has made Christians focus more on the blessings rather than on the Blessor. (John 17:14-17)  
(Philippians 3:20)(Colossians 3:1-3)(James 4:4)  
(1 Peter 2:11)(1 John 2:15-17)(Colossians 1:13)
3. The COVID 19 pandemic is not God's judgement on the world. We still live in the age of Grace. God poured out all of his wrath on the Lord Jesus so he could pour out his love and mercy on us. The church in general is not telling the world the Gospel. We still think of God in Old Testament terms. We think he is holding our sins against us and we have to live up to a certain standard in order for him to move in our lives. Jesus paid it ALL!! Our job is to tell people the good news of Jesus Christ so they can experience God's love and kindness, and become new creatures. (John 3:14-17)(John 12:32)(Hebrews 10:10)  
(2 Corinthians 5:19)(Titus 3:4-6)(Isaiah 54:9-10)  
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4. God owns the earth but he does not control the world system. The devil is the god of this world. He stole man's God given authority and he now has the whole world under his sway. Jesus conquered him and it is the job of the church to tell people how to get out from under the devil's control. The church has assigned evil to God and we no longer put up the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. We must get acquainted with the new covenant and start resisting the devil and submitting to God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)(1 John 5:19) (Luke 4:5-7) (Revelation 1:18)(Colossians 2:15) (Matthew 28:18-20)(1 John 1:5)(Ephesians 6:16)(James 4:7)
5. People are born again and become members of the family of God by hearing and believing the Gospel. You can't pray people into Heaven. God has given man the awesome responsibility of telling people the good news of Jesus Christ. Prayer is important in our own individual lives but you can't sit in a room and pray for God to save the Chinese people (for example) without sending people to China. Once again we demonstrate over and over our lack of knowledge about the New Covenant by our wrong actions and attitudes!! (Romans 10:13-14) (1 Corinthians 1:21)(Ephesians 1:13)(Titus 1:3)(James 1:18) (1 Peter 1:23)

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