Section Two: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Present) Category A: Church – Kingdom Intelligence Report #3

Topic: The Fulfillment of the Mystery

For nearly two thousand years, the fulfillment of the mystery of the Church has taken place, as the individuals chosen by the Father for the Son (John 6:37), have progressively formed the body and bride of Christ. This process has been one of profound interaction between the bridegroom and His bride. How? As each individual becomes a part of the body, it then becomes their responsibility to contribute to the overall effort of adding others to this collective bride of Christ. The mandate detailing this interaction is found in Matthew 28:18-20, where we read this:

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The distortion of this all-important mandate by Dominion Theology is a disgrace to the cause of Christ. How? By turning it upside down, on its ear, and making it mean something that it doesn't. Dominion Theology takes the expression: "make disciples of all the nations" and reinterprets it, so that according to this false perspective, we must infiltrate nations, take over their governments and establish Christian theocratic dominion throughout the world. However, that heretical notion cannot be supported by any of the other recordings of this mandate.

The singular, targeted emphasis of the mandate in Luke's Gospel is clear. No support can be found for perverting the Great Commission into something which resembles an agenda for political activism, with the never intended purpose of "Christianizing" our world on that level. Notice what is written in Luke 24:46-47 –

". . . and He said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'"

The book of Acts confirms what we learn from both Matthew and Luke in their Gospel accounts, as Jesus reiterates the mandate in Acts 1:8, and commissions Paul in Acts 9:15-16. Paul's recollection of that moment in Acts 26:14-18, in his testimony before King Agrippa, should permanently clarify any confusion, as to what Jesus meant when He commanded all of us as His followers to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."

The tragic and cruel irony of Dominion Theology is that Christians in the Church Age have truly been successful in fulfilling the Great Commission mandate. How? By "infiltrating" nations with a bold and courageous proclamation of the gospel, even in the midst of enemy territory, through missionary outreach. This in turn has resulted in the spiritual "takeover" of lost souls from the domain of darkness, with an innumerable amount of conversions to our Savior. In this manner, a visible "dominion" of the Kingdom of God on earth has been established, with local churches in existence, throughout every corner of our planet. How sad that Satan has blinded the minds of Dominionists to this obvious and blessed truth, in their pursuit of an agenda that is not of God.