

TODAY WE WILL BEGIN OUR SERMON TALKING ABOUT

YOU

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SERIES OF SERMONS ON THE

CHURCH

CHURCH



**A QUICK
SUMMARY OF
WHAT WE
HAVE STUDIED
SO FAR**

CHURCH



GOD PLAINLY
SAYS THERE IS
ONE
CHURCH

IT IS COMPOSED OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EVER
BEEN CALLED OUT OF THE WORLD BY JESUS CHRIST

CHURCH

THE
MEANING OF
THE WORD

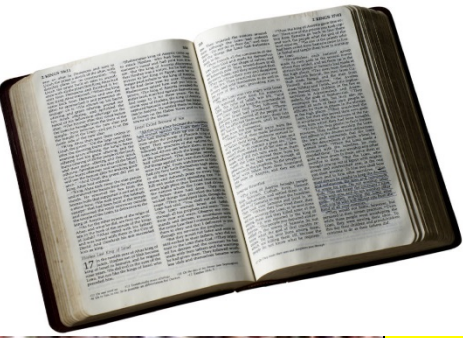
CHURCH

THE WORD “**CHURCH**” MEANS “**CALLED OUT**”

Mk. 16:15 – Go ye into all of the world and preach the
gospel to every creature.

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He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.



What dOES the bible say about
organizing his **WHOLE**
church

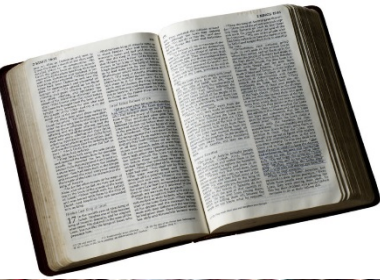
THERE IS **NO** EARTHLY ORGANIZATION

THERE IS **NO** WORK for them to do

THERE IS **NO** WORSHIP for them to do

Phil 3:20 For our **citizenship is in heaven**

Heb 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,
to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.



THE ONLY ORGANIZATING IS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL with elders & deacons

Acts
14:23

Titus
1:5

ELDERS
DEACONS
JERUSALEM

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**FATHER → JESUS → HOLY
SPIRIT**
Their responsibilities and restrictions

**IT IS LOGICAL THAT THE LESSON TODAY SHOULD BE
ABOUT ELDERS & AND THEIR AUTHORITY**

STOP – BACK UP – SLOW DOWN

**THERE IS ANOTHER LESSON
NECESSARY BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT
ELDERS & DEACONS**

ELDERS

JERUSALEM



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**GOD HAS PLACED GREAT LIMITATIONS ON
THE CHURCH BY RESTRICTING
HOW IT IS ORGANIZED
THE WORK IT CAN DO
THE WORSHIP IT CAN PERFORM**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WILL DO
ABOUT THE AUTHORITY OF ELDERS
&
WHY WILL HE DO IT**



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1 Cor 10:11

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

**THE LESSON TODAY IS ALL ABOUT
EXAMPLES
OF GOD'S EXPERIENCE WITH MAN**

**WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THE EXAMPLES
TODAY FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT RATHER
THAN FROM MAN'S VIEWPOINT**



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**LET'S GO BACK AS FAR AS WE CAN
EVEN BEFORE CREATION
AND
BEFORE THERE WERE ANY PEOPLE**

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BEFORE THERE WERE PEOPLE THERE WERE ANGELS



2 Peter 2:4 For
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darkness, to be

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but left their

bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day

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verlasting

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The heavens



ory of God

Gen 1:26-28

Then God said,"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likenessSo God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Isa 43:7

**Everyone who is called by My name,
And whom I have created for My glory**

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Gods law in the



**garden was
clear**

**Gen 2:16-17
saying, "Of
but of the tree
not eat, for**

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**the man,
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you shall
surely die.**

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Gods two laws



were very clear

Gen 1:28

**Then God blessed them, and God said to them,
Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it;**

**ADAM AND EVE DID OBEY THIS COMMAND AND
DID HAVE CHILDREN, BUT THEIR CHILDREN'S
CHILDREN COMPLETELY REBELLED AGAINST GOD**

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Then the LORD saw that the earth was corrupt, and that the only evil continued

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made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

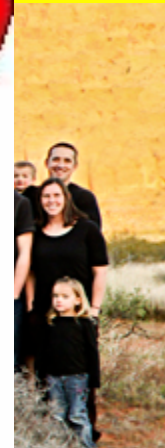
Gen. 11



Gen 11:4 Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.

**Then God blessed
Be fruitful**

obdue it;



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Gen. 12

**FROM ALL OF THE PEOPLE ON EARTH, GOD CHOSE
ONLY A FEW WHEN HE CALLED ABRAHAM**

Gen 12:1-3

Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you

And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

1 Sam 8



Now make us a king to judge us." So Samuel said to the Israelites, "Heed the LORD's voice, for they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

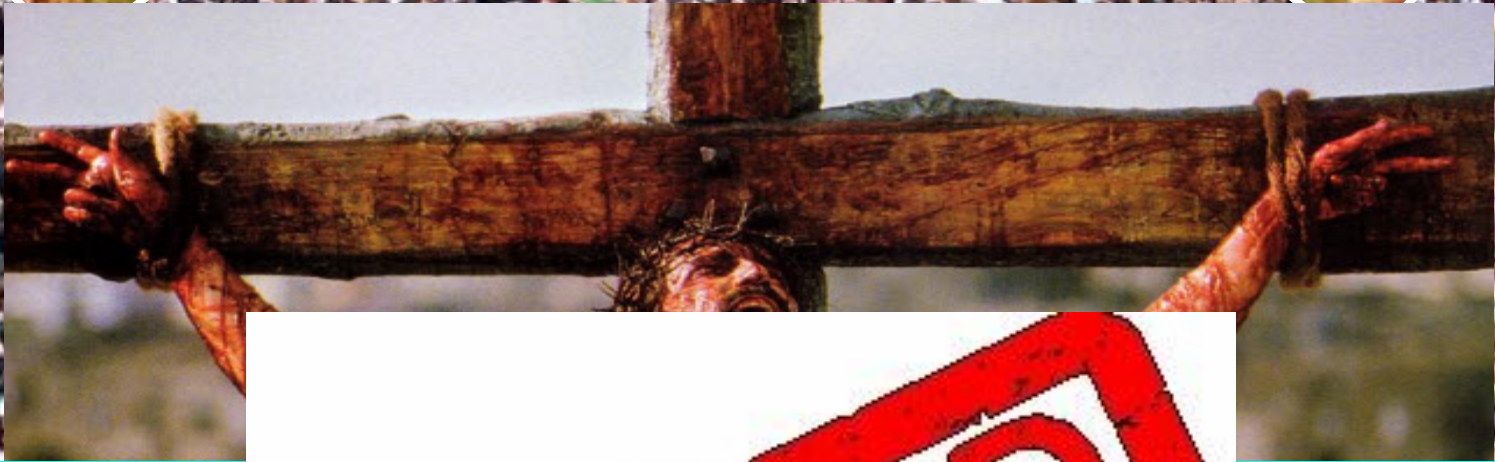
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FOR THE NEXT 400 YEARS GOD ALLOWED THEM TO RULE THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR KINGS

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John 19:15 But
"Away with Him

FAILED

Matt 27:25 And all the people answered and said,
"His blood be on us and on our children



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**AFTER 4000 YEARS OF HUMAN FAILINGS
CAN ANY CLEAR THINKING PERSON
BELIEVE THAT GOD WOULD TURN THE
CHURCH OVER TO ELDERS TO DO WHAT
THEY THINK IS BEST?**

**ISN' T IT REASONABLE TO BELIEVE THAT
GOD WOULD PLACE RIGID RESTRICTIONS
UPON THEM?**

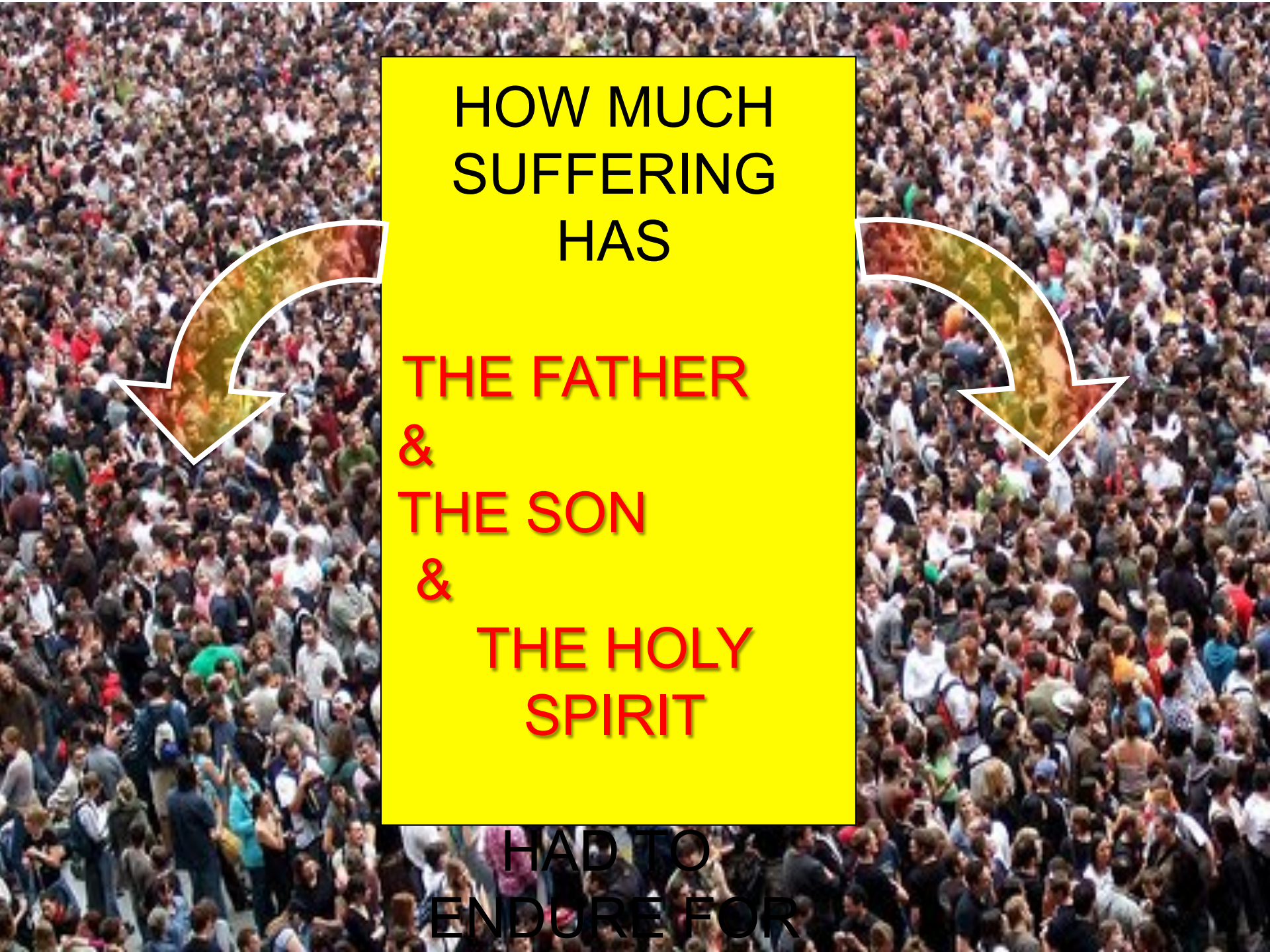




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**ANOTHER REASON IS
BECAUSE OF THE SUFFERING
THE FATHER & SON & HOLY SPIRIT
HAD TO ENDURE FOR THE CHURCH**





HOW MUCH
SUFFERING
HAS

THE FATHER
&
THE SON
&
THE HOLY
SPIRIT

HAD TO
ENDURE FOR



THE SUFFERING OF THE FATHER

Rom 3:10-18

~~There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands;~~

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

~~There is none who does good, no, not one. Their throat is an open~~

Mark 15:34 Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, **My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"**

~~cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood,~~

Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known."

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."



THE SUFFERING OF

Phil 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus
who, being in the form of God, did not think it equal
with God, but made Himself
bondservant, and came in the
appearance of a slave,
the name of Jesus Christ,
and became obedient to the
death, even the death of a
cross.

1 Peter 2:23-24

Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when
He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to
Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins
in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins,
might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were
healed.

which is translated,
"Suffered for Me?"

He endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right
hand of the throne of God.



THE SUFFERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eph 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption



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**IS IT REASONABLE TO BELIEVE THAT GOD
WOULD PLACE RIGID RESTRICTIONS ON
HIS CHURCH & THE ELDERS?**

**NEXT
WEEK**

**ELDERS
&
DEACONS**