

Unstoppable

Unstoppable force paradox:

"What happens when an **unstoppable force** meets an **immovable object**?"

This is a classic paradox because both have to appearance of indestructible....

- This is something that shouldn't be possible (paradox)

I propose an answer to this today in a proposal....

- That this creates yet another paradox...
- The two come together as one all-powerful organism called
- The Church of Jesus Christ
- One Body with many members(that's the paradox)
- An **empowered** body working together as one...
- A true **community** (that's a word you will be hearing more about...)
- A community that is able to experience the **culture of Heaven**, here on this earth....
- A true **Kingdom life** (something else you will hear more about...)

Now, as we're beginning to look at the church, as designed by Jesus

- Not a building...
- A Community

I want to kick this all off with this powerful Scripture:

Hebrews 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope **without wavering**, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works**, 25 **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Today I want to break this down for you:

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope"

- Our Hope is Jesus
- He is The Unstoppable Force...

And if you are a born again Christian, you have made a **confession**:

- Jesus is Lord
- All my Hope is in Jesus!!
- Our **hope** is our faith
- Our Hope is confidence in Christ, not a wishful thinking...

And I need to remind you of today is

- **It is His Church**
- We are His church
- And He calls the shots...
- **And if we do it His way...it will work!!**

Matthew 16:15-19

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.** 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

When we stand fast on who we are in Christ, we are **immovable, unstoppable, and unbeatable!!**

- Hell doesn't stand a chance!!!

If we are going to be this unstoppable church,

- Maybe we need to look at how it is designed to function...

Without wavering:

- Greek: “aklinēs”
- Firm
- **Unmovable**
- We must have unshakable Faith...
- We must stand strong, like those trees planted by the waters!!

That's who we are together...

- Now who are we for each other?
- **This is where the Community part comes in...**

“And let us **consider one another**”:

Katanoeō (Greek)

- to consider attentively, fix one's eyes or mind upon
- to be considerate for

I heard this phrase “**Consider one another**” explained like this:
When a new mother holds her baby for the very first time...

- She looks over the baby counting fingers and toes...
- Making sure everything is there...
- Rejoicing when she sees the baby is perfect
- And loving the baby the same if it isn’t...

That’s what “Considering one another” is about

Galatians 6:1-2

Bear and Share the Burdens

6 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, **considering yourself** lest you also be tempted. 2

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

If someone is going through something difficult...

- Don’t judge them!!!
- How would you want them to treat you? (**consider yourself**)
- Your heart should break for them...Feeling their burden
- You should want to see that person restored to the fullest!!

Next this says Consider one another...

- **“in order to stir up love and good works”:**

KJV says **Provoke**...

Paroxysmos (parox-sus-mas) Greek:

- To incite
- To irritate (I love it when God gives permission to irritate people)

Our genuine love and concern for one another should cause us to “encourage” each other to “love” and “get busy about our Kingdom Business”

- That means reminding them...often if necessary
- If we’re going to be working together as one...
- Everybody needs to be working!!

“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together”

This is speaking of gathering together in “Religious service”

- Church
- Corporate Worship
- Preaching
- Discipleship and Bible Study
- We need church!!
- We need community!!

“exhorting one another”

Parakaleō (Greek)

- To call to one's side (not passively observing, but active involvement)
- To encourage
- Comfort
- Strengthen
- Instruct
- Teach

This is what it means to be The Church

- To be a **Community** that loves and supports each other
- Instructs and strengthens each other (equipping)
- Encourages and teaches each other
- Considering one another
- Bearing one another's burdens
- **Unstoppable**
- **Unmovable**
- **Unbeatable**

When Jesus comes back, looking for His Church...

- I think this is what He's going to be looking for...

Don't you want to be part of that?

That empowered community of believers, living a true Kingdom Life...

You can be part of that....

- This is that confession part I spoke of earlier!!

Altar:

Closing prayer: