

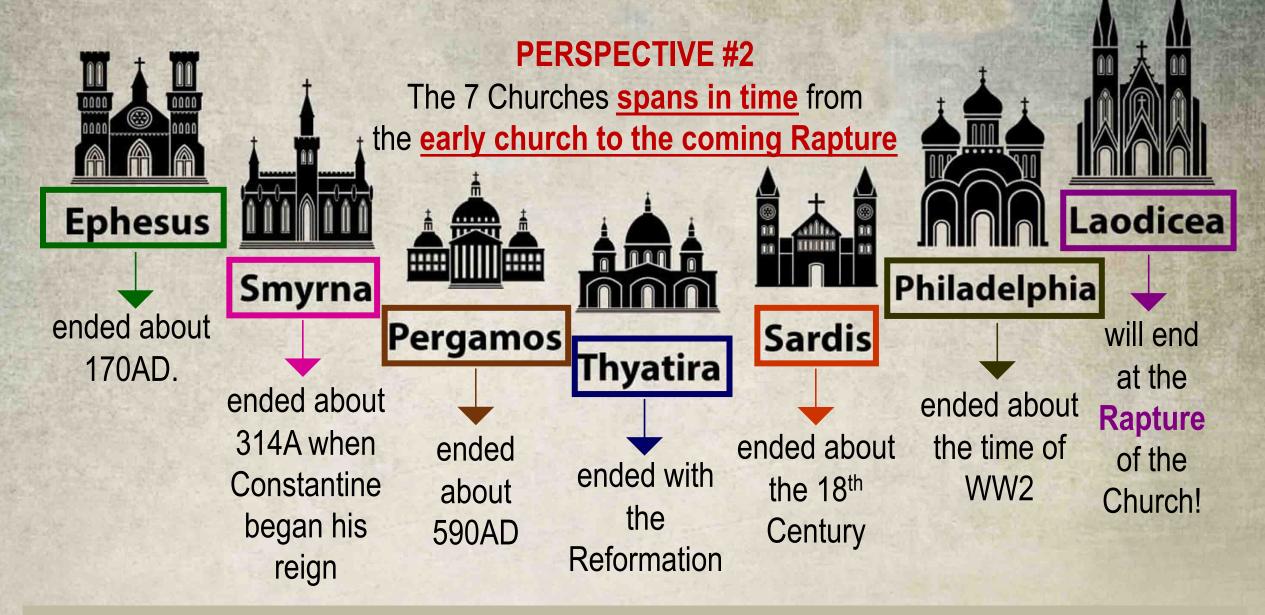
The 7 Churches of Revelation 2 & 3

• They existed in history at time of Apostle John in the <u>7 specific locations</u>.

There is a specific message to the <u>Specific Church</u> in the City-Nation-Region.

PERSPECTIVE #1

of the 7 Churches at any one point in time in the different local churches.



The world will then embrace the great religious prostitute - MYSTERY BABYLON of Rev 17















Hence, the Laodicean Church reflects the End-Time Church today where we are, with the imminent Rapture.

Laodicea means "people ruling" or "justice of the people".

It's the people who rule the Church and Christ has NO part in it! (1 Peter 4:17)

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2 & 3 THREE REPEATED - CONTINUAL EXHORTATIONS to all the 7 Churches:

- Let him who has ears, hear what the Spirit is saying to the <u>churches</u>
 [churches → many congregations, local assemblies].
- 2. Let him who has ears, <u>hear what the Spirit is saying</u> to the churches [only <u>Word</u>-based, <u>Spirit-Filled believers/churches</u> can hear].
- 3. To him who <u>overcomes</u> (present tense).

 [The overcomer believer-church] (Luke 18:8; Jude 1:3; 2 Tim 4:7).

Implications, Applications + **REVIVAL TODAY** for every **BELIEVER** and **LOCAL ASSEMBLY**

GLOBAL REVIVAL only AFTER THE RAPTURE

At Ministry of 144K Evangelists (Great Multitude saved)

+ 2 Witnesses + Angels with E-Gospel (Matthew 24:14) during the 7 Tribulation Years

This then culminates in the 2nd Coming and reign of our Lord in the Millennial Kingdom (Habakkuk 2:14)

Matthew 24:12

1 Timothy 4:1-3

2 Timothy 3:1-5 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

Revival for the believer and local church - 4 Counsels

- #1 Buy from God gold refined in the fire that they may be rich.
- **#2** Buy from God white garments that they may be covered.
- #3 Buy from God eye salve that they may be see.
- #4 Hear and respond to the Lord's knocking on the door of our lives.

Buy = Cost of Discipleship on believer's part. Not Automatic



- 1. Purpose driven instead of Personality driven.
- 2. Increasing Bench Strength.
- 3. The <u>7 Pillars-Anointeds</u> as Desired Outcomes of our Purpose-Mission. This is our <u>Strategy</u> as an Intentional Disciple-Making Church.

1. Purpose driven instead of Personality driven.

1 Corinthians 3:3-4

3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? **4** For when one says,

"I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

1. <u>Purpose</u> driven instead of <u>Personality</u> driven.

Ephesians 4:3-6

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

1. <u>Purpose</u> driven instead of <u>Personality</u> driven.

Ephesians 4:11-14

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Matt28:18-20; Mark16:15-20

2. Increasing <u>Bench Strength</u> from Elders and Pastors to active functioning body-life members in terms of both <u>numbers</u> and <u>quality</u> as <u>effective</u> Priests & Kings.

Mentoring and Multiplying Spiritual Leaders

Moses → Joshua

Elijah → Elisha

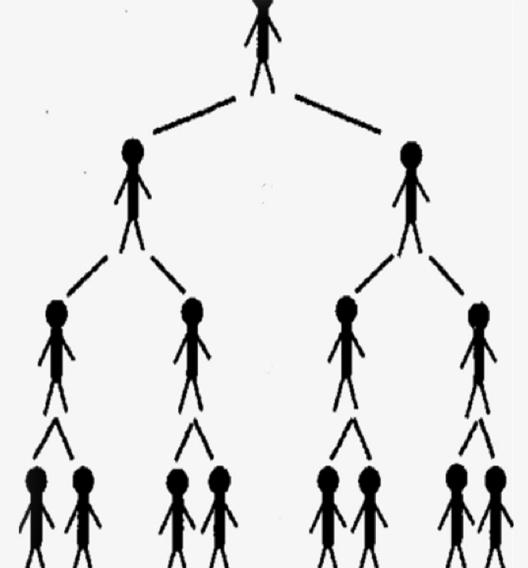
Mordecai → Esther

Jesus Christ \rightarrow the 12 \rightarrow the 3

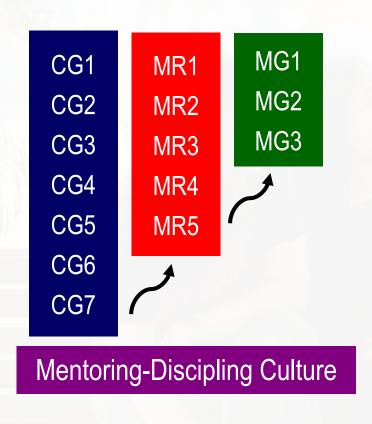
Paul → Timothy → Faithful Men → Others

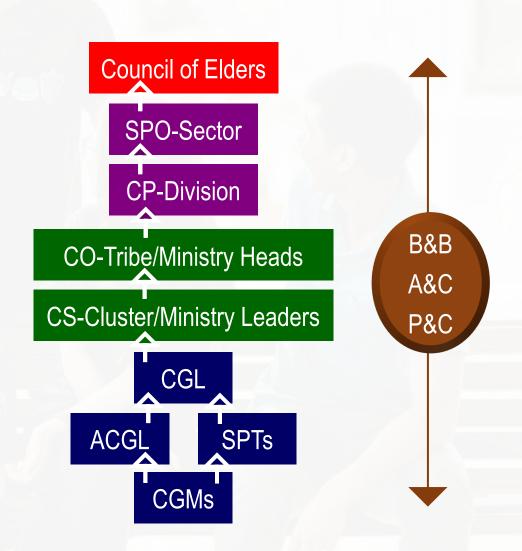
2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

Exodus 18



2. Increasing bench strength.





- 2. Increasing bench strength.
 - SPO-led with CPs and Staff
 = Greater competencies-skill-sets
 - "Star-Fish vs Spider Models"
 - Nothing bottle-necks with a person or structure
 - Abraham-Isaac-Jacob:
 Model of Leadership

- Family relationships foundation
- Shared common core-values

Calling, gifting and portion

- 2. Increasing bench strength.
 - Succession is important.
 Avoid mistake of King David.
 - My role will change at some point.
 Evolving as Mentor, Adviser,
 Coach (MAC).
 - EMG: Ex-elders still connected and engaged.

- Continuity emphasis vs
 Secular models of succession
- Multi-generational Leadership
- Still in body-life of BBTC

3. The <u>7 Pillars-Anointeds</u> as desired outcomes of our Purpose-Mission. This is our <u>Strategy</u> as an IDMC.

To be an INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH of EFFECTIVE PRIESTS & KINGS (Type of Disciple)

To SHARE Christ as we MATURE in Him



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GOD

ANOINTED



Pillar #1 - Anointed Worship

1. The Lord is seeking true worshippers.

John 4:23-24

- 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the <u>true worshippers</u> will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
- 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Pillar #1 - Anointed Worship

2. True worship is when our spirit (heart) connect with the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh ...

We can come to the House of the Lord and yet miss the Lord of the House!

Pillar #2 - Anointed Word

- 1. The Purpose of the Pulpit and Word in the Body-Life must bring:
 - A. **Edification** building our **faith** in God.
 - B. Exhortation strengthening our relationship with God.
 - C. Comfort encouragement in our hearts.
- 1 Corinthians 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks <u>edification</u> and <u>exhortation</u> and <u>comfort</u> to men.

Pillar #2 - Anointed Word

- 2. We aim to teach the whole counsel of God per 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
 - A. **Doctrine** Truths-Principles of Life.
 - B. Rebuke When we sin and live in disobedience.
 - C. Correction Of ungodly beliefs and wrong patterns of thinking.
 - D. Training in <u>righteousness</u> Right believing and right living.

The Message is in the Messenger

Psalm119:160

Acts20:27

Pillar #3 - Anointed Altar

1. Whenever God speaks to us, we must respond to Him.

Hebrews 3:7-8, 15

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness.

15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Hebrews 4:7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

Pillar #3 - Anointed Altar

2. We must therefore **posture** our hearts to hear Him.

Proverbs 4:20-21, 23

20 My son, give <u>attention</u> to my words; incline your <u>ear</u> to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your <u>eyes</u>; keep them in the midst of your <u>heart</u>; 23 Keep your <u>heart</u> with all diligence, for out of it spring the <u>issues of life</u>.

Buy eye salve and open the doors of your heart





Pillar #4 - Anointed Leaders

The Kingdom of God - Church is **not** a democracy, it is a theocracy.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

28 And God has appointed these in the church:

first apostles, second prophets, third

teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings,

helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.



Pillar #4 - Anointed Leaders

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Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and **appoint elders** in every city as I commanded you—

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 And He Himself gave some to be <u>apostles</u>, some <u>prophets</u>, some <u>evangelists</u>, and some <u>pastors</u> and <u>teachers</u>, 12 for the <u>equipping of the saints for the work of ministry</u>, <u>for the edifying of the body of Christ</u>.



1. Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body.

Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.

2. When we, the body, are connected to the Head, we receive the <u>Life</u> of God.





3. We are <u>members</u> of one another in the Body of Christ.

Romans 12:4-5

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.



- **4.** We are therefore,
 - to <u>connect</u> with one another;
 - to **accept** one another;
 - to **love** one another;
 - to **serve** one another;
 - to <u>engage</u> one another;
 - to **sharpen** one another, etc.

Buy White Garments

Developing BBTC Core-Values-Culture-DNA





JOURNEY OF A DISCIPLE

1 START **HERE**

2 SETTLE HERE

3 SERVE **HERE**

4 SHEPHERD HERE

For Seekers & **New Believers**

For **Growing Believers &** New BBTCians

For Matur **Believers**

WHERE ARE YOU NOW? WHAT'S YOUR NEXT

1. We are not saved by good works, it is entirely due to the Mercy and Grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been <u>saved through faith</u>, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2. We are saved to do good works.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for <u>good works</u>, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.



3. Good works are always about <u>value-adding</u> to the needs of the lives of people in our ministries.



1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a gift, <u>minister</u> it to one another, as good <u>stewards of the manifold grace</u> <u>of God</u>.

4. As we grow and mature in the Lord, we are to be zealous for **good works**.



Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might <u>redeem</u> us from every lawless deed and <u>purify</u> for Himself <u>His own special people</u>, <u>zealous for good works</u>.

Pillar #7 - Anointed Works of Faith

- 1. We are called to
 - **A. be** with the Lord;
 - B. preach the Gospel;
 - C. heal the sick;
 - D. cast out the demons.

Works of Faith



Mark 3:14-15

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might <u>be with Him</u> and that He might send them out to <u>preach</u>, **15** and to have <u>power to heal sicknesses</u> and to <u>cast out demons</u>.



The Lord has given us 2 keys to reach out to the lost:

- Relational Evangelism Luke 10:5-9
- Strategic Prayers 2Cor4:4; 10:3-5

Pillar #7 - Anointed Works of Faith

2. We must depend on the Holy Spirit to enable and empower us to share the Gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,

Because He has anointed Me to **preach** the gospel to the poor;

He has sent Me to **heal** the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to **set at liberty** those who are oppressed.

Mark 16:17-18; Acts 26:18

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1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but <u>in demonstration</u> <u>of the Spirit and of power</u>, 5 that <u>your faith</u> should not be in the wisdom of men but <u>in the power of God</u>.

SUMMARYSeven Pillars in BBTC







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Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears
My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.