



# **The 5 Shifts of the Church**

Metro Gathering  
Ephesians 3:10

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- The manifold wisdom of God, *populoskos*
- Manifold speaks of **variety**.
- The Church is to express the manifold wisdom of God in variety.
- Despite the turbulence of our times, the Holy Spirit is shifting the climate of our nation and the destiny of the earth for such a time as this.
- Moving us from **success** to **significance**.
- "How does this benefit me?" to "What legacy am I leaving?"
- Last few weeks we've seen major transitions.
- Alvin Toffler, C. Peter Wagner, Kim Clement
- *"The illiterate of the twenty first century are not those that can read or write but those that cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."* -Alvin Toffler
- This is the season we are in now! We must embrace the days ahead by unlearning what we **THINK** we know to **SEE** where he wants to take us! It requires a Paradigm shift.
- These transitions are significant as we approach a new epoch season in the Spirit.

- On October 31, 1517, 499 years ago
- God raised up a voice named Martin Luther to nail 93 theses on the doors of a church in Wittenberg, Germany to protest the unbiblical practices in the Roman Catholic Church.
- He emphasized justification by faith and sparked a Reformation focused on these (5) things:
- The Five Solas are:
  - -Sola **Scriptura** (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
  - -Sola **Fide** (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
  - -Sola **Gratia** (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
  - -Solus **Christus** (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
  - -Soli Deo **Gloria** (“to the glory of God alone”): We live for the glory of God alone.
- Next year we enter the 500th Year of the Reformation
- This is a significant governmental shift that will reorient the world and the church as we know it.

- Phyllis Tickle, The Great Emergence
- "Every 500 Years the Church has a rummage sale."
- God shifts us from old methodologies and brings us into new measures of wisdom and understanding.
- We know what's he done but what is He saying now?
- "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." <http://esv.to/John15.15>
- "Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command." <http://esv.to/1Chron12.32>
- We're going to see 5 new shifts as the Spirit breathes upon us **FRESH** Revelation.

- From 5 **Solas** to 5 **Shifts**
- **Shift #1**: From **CHURCH** to **KINGDOM**.
- Re understanding and orientation of what it means to be the bride and body of Christ.
- From Church 52 to Church 365.
- The Kingdom of God must be established where we live work and play.
- Matthew 5; we are the **SALT** of the earth.
- If I am **SALT** where I am to be sprinkled?
- Reformation of Ecclesiology to Basiliology
- **Shift #2**: From **pastoral** paradigms to **apostolic** paradigms.
- A way of thinking. Master builders, from guarding to governing.
- Pastoral paradigm: one man only to an apostolic paradigm: multi-faceted ministry.
- Pastoral paradigms tend to be **hierarchal**.(top down)
- Apostolic paradigms are **heir-archy**, because we are heirs and joint heirs with Christ.

- **Shift #3:** From **Pulpit** to **Pew**.
- 500 years ago the Pulpit was the focal point of society. Today media has become the medium of the culture.
- But we're moving from Pulpit ministry to Pew ministry engaging the saints to take the message to the streets.
- Occupy Wall Street
- Gods Super is going to touch their natural and we will see a flow like that of Ezekiel's river.
- From ordinary to extraordinary.
- **Shift #4:** From **charismatic** leadership to **transformational** leadership.
- Moving from personality driven to purpose driven and unlocking the gifts of teams to accomplish vision mission and strategy.
- Networking and Trans-networking.
- Local and trans-local; different ethnicities. Development of Apostolic Resource Centers.
- Joining together like minded people.
- Not a personality but a corporate body from different streams: the merging of the streams.
- The synchronization of the Eagles.

- Shift #5: From the **priesthood** of all believers to the **prophethood** of all believers
- Every believer is a priest.
- But now we're going to see an understanding of every believer is prophetic; moving into the things of God.
- Knowing how to go to God and hear him.
- INTIMACY, "Enter me and you'll see." 2017 is the Year of the Bow.
- **INTIMACY** brings **IDENTITY**.
- INTIMACY + IDENTITY = **INNOVATION**.
- INNOVATION - IDENTITY = **INSECURITY**.
- When you're not sure who you are, insecurity comes.
- INNOVATION - INTIMACY = **INSIGNIFICANCE**.
- When you're not in the **Presence**, you rely on a **Performance** which leads to **Insignificance**.
- We don't know who we are and because we don't know we are we adopt old men fables and traditions of men.
- The Church has a responsibility to be moral, humanitarian, supernatural and prophetic.
- To give clarity, insight, and direction. (Prophetic Ethos)
- Membership ---> Leadership ----> Discipleship ----> Sonship
- Fresh vigor, insight and strength. (Acts 17:6)

