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The Black Church Video Reflection

What I learned about The Black Church after listening to Dr. Charles Galbreath is that they had established themselves by force due to the divisive, oppressive culture around them that had forbidden them from reading anything, especially the Bible, because if they did, then they would be considered dangerous and face very harsh repercussions. Another thing that I learned was how the version of the Bible that was given to the African-Americans to read during slavery, the Slave Bible, completely omitted and cut out pages therein containing passages that mentioned any talk of liberation or setting captives free, such as in Isaiah 61:1 and Proverbs 30:8-9.

What stood out from Dr. Galbreath's video to me is the resilience that the Black Church has possessed through all these centuries of adversity, in that they not only managed to thrive as a body totally independent from any outside assistance, but they were able to bring about a greater sense of unity among the body of Christ in a strong way, such as through the God-fearing, freedom-fighting legacy that Martin Luther King, Jr. lived out through his ministry of preaching God's word and fighting for civil rights, with the hope of not only furthering this nation in order to truly live up to what the founding documents & national anthem claim when they state, "All men are created equal," and, "the land of the free and the home of the brave," but also furthering the carrying out of the Great Commission given by Christ for all nations. Most of all, the Black

Church rejoiced through their adversity and sufferings—continually expressing their praise unto the Lord—just as Paul and Silas did even while they were in prison.