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### The Black Church by Dr. Charles Galbreath

The video on The Black Church by Dr. Charles Galbreath was incredibly informative, and I learned a lot about the history and distinctive features of the Black Church. During the video, Dr. Galbreath debunked a few myths that have been told over the years. For instance, people have this false belief that Black people should be thankful for slavery because it introduced them to Christianity. However, Dr. Galbreath states that Christianity predates the colonial period and was already being practiced in Africa, meaning that Africans were practicing Christianity before they were brought to America. Dr. Galbreath's teachings on the true history of the Black Church and Christianity, in general, helped me gain a better understanding of this topic.

After watching this video about the Black Church, I can truly say my perspective has changed. In fact, I was surprised to learn that Christianity was forced upon slaves, and the colonizers preached a gospel that made Africans ready to be submissive, which was not the true gospel. This revelation led me to appreciate the slaves who had secret worship meetings and hungered for the real, authentic gospel. It reminded me of the scripture Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow..." In other words, there was something so special about the word of God that they had to find it out on their own, rather than believe what was being preached to them.

As I reflect on this information, I find it fascinating that the passion and expressiveness of the "black church" stem from the slaves' desire to worship and express themselves in their own way. Learning about the slave bible was a revelation for me. It is truly sad to think that people removed parts of the bible just to make it fit their ideology, but it's not entirely surprising given how people still do that today.

This new understanding has made me want to go deeper into my true Black roots and history. I realized that I had only focused on God alone in my spiritual journey, but now I see the importance of understanding history. It gives you insight and understanding of things and why people do the things they do. I can see why baptists are the way they are compared to other churches like a Hispanic or

non-denominational churches. I also understand why hymns are important to some churches and why they are still sung in some churches today. Everything makes sense now, and it all stems from the original Black Church.

In conclusion, this informative video has opened my eyes to the true history of the Black Church and the struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors. I am grateful for the slaves who hungered for the real gospel and passed it down through generations. It has inspired me to learn more about my Black roots and history and appreciate the rich heritage of my ancestors. It has also reminded me of the importance of understanding history and how it can give us a better understanding of ourselves and the world around us.