

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE CHURCH?

Intro. "Ch will not fail" said Inspiration Time. True or false in midst of God is Dead theol, and moral flexibility, diverted activities of ch. Even evang. debate S.S., approach to youth etc. China has practidally overwhelmed ch. Bible has true ans to future.

I. What is the Church.

Assemblg, Acts 19:39, 41.

All true bel of this age of which X is Head, Col 1:18.

Local assembly /some living, dead; members, not.

1 Cor 1:12. Phil 2. All living, some bel, not, Jude 19. Ques. should be future for true child of God and others.

II. Future for True Church.

A. If die before X comes. Phil 1:21, 2 Cor 5:8.

B. If remain to rapture.

1 Thess 4:16-17. Return, res, rapture, reunion.

1 Cor 15:52. Sudden, final (last trump)

III. Future for unbel or False ch.

When rapture occurs, many ^{chs} will go on as if nothing happened. Even before that we should see declension in 2 areas--doctrine, morals.

Doctrine-- Denial of Trinity, 1 Jn 2:22

***** Incarnation, 1 Jn 4:3

"" " 2 nd coming, 1/2 Pet 3:4

Morals, 2 Tim 3:1-5

After rapture then what. Still goes on in a system called Babylon.

1. Harlot, 1, 5, 15, 16

2. Politically oriented, 3 of 12, 13

3. False front, whited ssepulchre, 4

4. Persecutor of followers of God, 6. Makes white black.

Today see, unfaithfulness, ecumenical ch pronouncing and influencing politics, change in standards of morality to cover up inward corruption.

CONCL. Greatest deception is to think you aren't being deceived. Are you part of true assembly of God's people? If so, don't partake of doctrinal or moral errors of apostasy. But be sure. If rapture today, be sitting here.

(Or How to Solve Mid-Life Crisis)

Intro. Day of success syndrome. Pushed by ambition. Justified by wanting to glorify God by doing more for Him. Can be wrong ambition and success.

I. Need Conviction, v1

A. About self. Stated to God who knows all, Yahweh who is totally exalted. David was rich, wise, powerful, humble.

10yrs Saul persecuted. 7½ more Kg Judah in Hebron. Then recd promise of kingship. 1 Kg 15:5

B. About Abilities. Not involved (go to and fro) in great (things that lead to haughtiness), Jer 45:5. or high, wonderful, lead to excessive ambition. Same word Job 42:3. Job found fellowship with God more imp't than his supposed knowledge, ease & security, lack of understn His ways.

II. Need Contentment, 2.

appetites.

A. Responsibility. I do it. I have power to control & change

B. Route. Subdue ambitions of soul. Compose=level. Quiet=silence. Temptations, strivings, cryings, hunger like child.

C. Result. Weaned. Contentment in spite of loss of what seemed indispensable. Lie on breast without craving milk. Live in world without wrong ambition. in ministry, learn not to depend on external stimulants.

III. Need Commitment, 3

A. To Yahweh. Confidence in all-powerful one. Patience awaiting His plan.

B. To His will. Substitute wrong milk ambition for right ambition. 1 Thess 4:11-pursue grind of life in discipline. 2 Thess 3:11-12.

2 Cor 5:9--please God in all of life. Stewardship. Accountbly Rom 15:20-preach gospel. Here where not heard.

Concl. v 3 from this time, forever. Start if haven't. Continue all life. Resume if quit.