

The Church: Past, Present, Future

Outline – March 23, 2025

Daniel 12:1-3; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Church: From Darkness To Light

- I. The uniqueness**
 - A. One of the oldest, most universal of all institutions
 - B. Found in cathedrals to caverns
 - C. Lands of freedom to lands of tyranny
 - D. Members are some of the most poor and some of the most powerful
 - E. Made up of every race, color, & culture
- II. The purpose of the Church**
 - A. Lift up Jesus
 - B. Learn who you are in Jesus
 - C. Learn what you have in Jesus
 - D. Learn how to overcome with Jesus
 - E. Live out a new life in Jesus
 - F. Love one another like Jesus
 - G. Listen to one another
 - H. Light in the darkness
 - I. Liberate the captive
 - J. Lead others to Jesus
- III. The power of the Church**
 - A. Spirit of God
 - B. Word of God
 - C. Son of God
 - D. Salvation of God
- IV. People of the Church**
 - A. Born again believers in Jesus

- B. Growing in the faith
- C. Growing in grace
- D. Growing in truth
- E. Growing in love
- F. Growing in life
- G. Growing in repentance

V. Provision of the Church

- A. Provides God's Word
- B. Provides God's wisdom
- C. Provides God's will & plan for the world
- D. Pushes back on evil
- E. Pushes back on sin
- F. Pushes back on philosophy of this world
- G. Pushes back on cultural fads

VI. Program of the Church

- A. Teach the Word
- B. Fellowship
- C. Breaking of bread
- D. Prayer

VII. The problem facing & within the Church

- A. Lost its' 1st love - Revelation 2
- B. Allowing false teaching - Revelation 2
- C. Acts of immorality
- D. Tolerating Spirit of Jezebel
 - 1. Toleration
 - 2. Acceptance
 - 3. Promote it
 - 4. Persecute those who don't
- E. Dead works
- F. Luke warm
- G. Self-deception

VIII. The plan of the Church

- A. To be the body

B. To be the bride

IX. The future of the Church

A. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-53

1. The Great Resurrection (Evacuation)
2. The Great Edification
3. The Great Promise
 - a. Lord descends - shout, voice of Archangel, trumpet of God
 - b. Dead will be raised
 - c. The alive caught-up - raptured
 - d. There will be a reunion
 - e. Always with the Lord
 - f. Comfort one another with these words

X. Until then

- A. Look for the Lord's return
- B. Listen for Him
- C. Live for Him
- D. Learn more about Him
- E. Love like Him

That's The Church

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