

Found Ahead - Session 7

Living in the Last Days

I. Review

- First, INTERPRETATION is important
- Second, the Kingdom is NOW
- Third, there is NO SIGN, so be READY
- Fourth, Jew and Gentile are UNITED
- Fifth, in this world we have TRIBULATION
- Sixth, in the final chapter GOD WINS!!!
- Seventh, we learn tonight that we live in hope, with our eyes on the CROSS

II. Purpose of our Study [OR “Why is this important, anyway?”]

- A. We share much in common with millennialists
 1. We see Scripture as the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God
 2. We expect a visible, personal return of Jesus Christ
 3. We believe, teach and confess justification by grace through faith
- B. BUT many millennialist teachings endanger the pure teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 1. Amillennialists are not opposed just to be argumentative
 2. “Ideas have Consequences” - and so do DOCTRINES

III. Watch out for Errors

- A. Errors in Emphasis
 1. That millennialism is new, or has been hidden in the past
 2. That the millennium is the most important doctrine
- B. Errors in Purpose
 1. That the Church and Israel have separate destinies
 2. That the believers look forward to reign, instead of reigning now
- C. Errors in Hope
 1. That believers will be spared tribulation in the world
 2. That the Messianic kingdom promised is a political kingdom
 3. That faith is made perfect by power rather than weakness -
A “Theology of Glory” rather than a “Theology of the Cross”

BREAK

IV. Interpreting the End Times

- A. Interpret what is literal, literally; and what is figurative, figuratively
1. Revelation 20 is figurative
 2. Matthew 26 is literal
- B. Don't complicate what God has made simple.
1. In science and philosophy Occam's Razor is often quoted: "One should not increase, beyond what is necessary, the number of entities required to explain anything."
 2. How many resurrections are there in Dispensational Millennialism
 - i. Resurrection of Church at the Rapture
 - ii. Resurrection of OT believers at Second Coming (end of the 7 year tribulation)
 - iii. Resurrection of tribulation martyrs at Second Coming
 - iv. Resurrection of all millennial believers at end of the millennium
 - v. Resurrection of all unbelievers at end of millennium (LaHaye, p. 121-122)Scripture teaches one resurrection on the last day
- C. Look for God now where He has promised to be - Means of Grace
1. God offers forgiveness, life and salvation through these means
 2. Holy Spirit strengthens and preserves faith through these means
2 Peter 1:20-21, I Timothy 3:16

Word	Baptism	Lord's Supper
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Romans 1:16• Romans 10:14-17• Hebrews 4:12• I Peter 1:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I Peter 3:21• Romans 6:3-5• Acts 2:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew 26:26-28• I Corinthians 11:27-29

- D. Fulfill the mission God has given His Church
1. We witness to Jesus Christ - Matthew 28:19-20
 2. We rule with Jesus Christ - Romans 5:17
 3. We suffer for Jesus Christ - Philippians 1:29
- E. Be ready and waiting for **His Glorious Return**