MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH SERMON NOTES - PASTOR MERRITT K. HOLE - 07/10/16 - M.S.

"Let's Build Our Church!"

Revelation 3:7-13

INTRO: Jesus declared to the Apostles, "I will build my Church." On Pentecost, He began that project. If it is His prime project for this age, then it is most surely our prime project, and will be until the rapture. Therefore, let's get building!!

I. OUR COMMANDER

- 1. His Purity v. 7
- 2. His Dependability v. 7
- 3. His Royalty v. 7
- 4. His Sovereignty vv. 7-8a

II. OUR COMMENDATIONS

- 1. For Our Fortitude v. 8b
- 2. For Our Fidelity vv. 8 & 10
- 3. Our Faithfulness v. 8

III. OUR CHALLENGES

- 1. Be Fruitful
- 2. Be Faithful

IV. OUR CONFIDENCE

- 1. We Will Be Renown
- 2. We Will Be Removed
- 3. We Will Be Rewarded
- 4. We Will Be Rejoicing

CONCL: How horrible to receive a phone call saying our loved one is dead. How horrible to hear that your church is dead! Yet, so many churches today are. Gay rights, abortion rights, the liberal social agenda, seeker sensitivity, and the social gospel have replaced sound doctrine and biblical preaching in so many 'churches', and though people are present, the life is departed. Religion has replaced a vital relationship with Jesu Christ. We must stand guard or we will join them.

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"Unworthily Unwelcome!"

1 Corinthians 11:27ff.

INTRO: The Lord's Supper's importance in the church's life and the Christian's life is underscored by the warning against "partaking unworthily." But what exactly is "unworthily" and why is it such a problem?

I. THE DEFINITION OF PARTAKING UNWORTHILY

II. THE DECRIPTION OF PARTAKING UNWORTHILY

- 1. To Partake Ritualistically
- 2. To Partake Rudely
- 3. To Partake Rottenly

III. THE DAMAGE OF PARTAKING UNWORTHILY

- 1. To Our Savior v. 27
- 2. To Our Sisters And Brothers v. 29
- 3. To Ourselves v. 29

IV. THE DETERENT TO PARTAKING UNWORTHILY

- 1. Review v. 28
- 2. Respect v. 33
- 3. Reverence v. 32

CONCL: Casualness rules our day. Nothing is to be revered anyone. Nothing is sacred, even to people within the church, and as a result the Church has lost much of its power and Christians have suffered for their lack of respect for the Body of Christ. May "unworthily" never describe our approach to His Supper!

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