

CHURCH SERIES: Churches in the First Century

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Idols of the Heart

When Jehovah spoke to Israel concerning Sabbath days and Feasts, He warned them, saying, "And in all things that I have said unto you take ye heed: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth" (Exodus 23:13). Howbeit, not only did Israel not heed the injunction, they went beyond and took the idol into their heart (Ezekiel 14:4).

From the days of Moses, who said concerning idols, that they are "the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell" (Deuteronomy 4:28), to the days of the apostle John, who spoke of those who, "repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk:" (Revelation 9:20), mankind is warned that "No man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). What is the full impact? It is impossible to turn to God without turning away from idols and pagan worship, and thus did the apostle Paul say concerning the Thessalonians, who, "turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9). (pg. 2)

IV. Warning and Hope:

- A. Churches of Asia: Warnings and Hope
 - 1. 2:5 – Ephesus: Remember, repent, or else I come
 - 2. 2:8-10 – Smyrna: Be faithful, and I will give
 - 3. 2:16 – Pergamum: Repent, or else I come
 - 4. 2:18 – Thyatira: Encouragement, hope, and warning.
 - 5. 3:1-3 – Sardis: repent, or I will come upon thee
 - 6. 3:7-12 – Philadelphia: Hold fast, He that overcometh
 - 7. 3:14-19 – Laodicea Be zealous, and repent
- B. Hope:
 - 1. 1 Cor. 10:13 – “make also a way of escape”
 - 2. 2 Tim. 2:24-26 – “may recover themselves”
 - 3. Jude 22-23 – “snatching them out of the fire”
 - 4. Matt. 25:11-13 – “Watch therefore”

V. Stern Reminder:

- A. Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23 – Admonition
- B. 2 Cor. 5:10 – God will judge.
- C. 2 Cor. 7:10 – Sorry you have wronged God
- D. Acts 17:30-31 – Exercise the opportunity of repentance unto life.

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Nevertheless, there will always be those who “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. “Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen” (Romans 1:22-25).

Do not be that person! Rather, remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, saying, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Ross Triplett, Sr.

Solomon Says

Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise...That thy trust may be in Jehovah, I have made them known to thee this day, even to thee.

Proverbs 22:17, 19

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Matthew 16:18

I. Benefits of What is Written:

- A. Rom. 15:4 – Written that we might have hope
- B. Isa. 40:1 – Hope provided by God
- C. Provided through the gospel:
 - 1. Matt. 22:29-31 – “have ye not read?”
 - 2. Jn. 20:30-31 – “that believing ye may have life”
 - 3. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 – “comfort one another”

II. Churches Fully Functional:

- A. Acts 13:1-3 – Antioch
- B. Phil. 1:1 – Saints, bishops, deacons

III. Churches and Trials:

- A. Corinthian Short Falls:
 - 1. 1 Cor. 5:1-2 - Fornication
 - 2. 1 Cor. 6:1-5 - Lawsuits
 - 3. 1 Cor. 11:17-18 - Divisions
- B. Corinthian Victories:
 - 1. 1 Cor. 11:2 – Holding fast the traditions
 - 2. 2 Cor. 7:11-12 – Approved yourself
 - 3. 2 Cor. 9:1 – Contribution for the needy
- C. Churches of Galatia Short Falls: Gal. 1:1-2
 - 1. Gal. 1:6 – “to a different gospel...”
 - 2. Gal. 3:1 – “who did bewitch you”
 - 3. Gal. 5:7 – “Ye were running well”
- D. Churches of Asia: Revelation 2—3
 - 1. 2:1, 4-5 – Ephesus:
 - a. Short falls: Vs. 4-5
 - b. Victories: Vs. 6
 - 2. 2:8 – Smyrna:
 - a. Tribulations: Vs. 9
 - b. Trials: Vs. 10
 - 3. 2:12- Pergamum:
 - a. Victories: Vs. 13
 - b. Short falls: Vs. 14-16
 - 4. 2:18 – Thyatira:
 - a. Victories: Vs. 19
 - b. Short falls: Vs. 20
 - c. Some faithful: Vs. 24-25
 - 5. 3:1 – Sardis:
 - a. Short falls: Vs. 1-2
 - b. Some faithful: Vs. 4
 - 6. 3:7 – Philadelphia: Vs. 8-10 - Faithful
 - 7. 3:14 – Laodicea: Vs. 15-20 – Fell short