THE APPLIED SERIES

A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLICAL ESCHATOLOGY
IN LIGHT OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE WORLD EVENTS AS REVELATED IN SCRIPTURES

Our Theme Verse For The Series Is:

John 14:29
"And now I have told you before it comes,
that when it does come to pass, you may believe."

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE 21ST. CENTURY CHRISTIAN – PART 3

Spiritual Warfare In The Last Days & The Increasing Tide of Demonic activity

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Introduction to the Topic

THE 21ST. CENTURY CHRISTIAN ARE THOSE WHO MAKE UP THE 21ST. CENTURY CHURCH

1.) We Are A Redeemed People

2.) We Are A Forgiven People

3.) We Are A Transformed People

4.) We Are An Empowered People

5.) We Are A Kingdom People

6.) We Are A Relevant People

7.) We Are A Loving People

8.) We Are A Hated People

9.) We Are A Praying People

10.) We Are A Forever People

The 21st. Century Christian

6.) We Are A Relevant People

At This Moment in Time - Our Lost World is Searching for Relevance.

What is Relevant to God is Very Simple - - It is all things that define a Biblical Christian and What a New Testament Church is According His Word.

Webster's Dictionary Defines Relevant as;

Relating in an appropriate way to something under consideration:
Having significant and demonstrable bearing on or relation to the matter at hand.
(i.e. - amplified) The ability to present and to defend a reason for why a particular position is more superior than another or any other.

There is no one word used in the Bible for "Relevant" because there doesn't have to be one.

Psalms 138:2
I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Exodus 4:22a
Then you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD

Exodus 7:17a
Thus saith the LORD: "By this you shall know that I am the LORD.

Exodus 32:27a
And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,

Matthew 4:7a
Jesus said to him, "It is written

Matthew 8:22a
But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me,

Matthew 8:13a
Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way;

John 8:12
Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

1 Timothy 3:15 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17
I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth... All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Jesus' Commission to His Followers;
"I am sending you out into a dark world to be living examples of Me."

This Is The Christian – The Church Being Relevant

Matthew 28:18-20
And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Show them Me. // Tell them about Me. // Preach Me to the World.

(Where do we begin in this mission?)

- Jesus must be at the Center or Cardo - in each of us.
- Jesus must be at the Center or Cardo - of your life
- Jesus must be at the Center or Cardo - reason why you live.
- Jesus must be at the Center or Cardo - upon which your decisions are made.

When is a Christian or Church not Relevant?
The Moment the decision is made to pursue the ways and means of this world and to go down to the world rather than pulling the lost world up and into Christ.

The Pursuit for cultural relevance is a filler, a putty to hide the gap and space between what is entertaining and what is truly relevant.

J.H.

Current evangelicalism has (to change the figure) laid the altar and divided the sacrifice into parts but now seems satisfied to count the stones and rearrange the pieces with never a care that there is not a sign of fire upon the top of lofty Carmel. But God be thanked that there are a few who care. They are those who, while they love the altar and delight in the sacrifice, are yet unable to reconcile themselves to the continued absence of fire. They desire God above all. They are athirst to taste for themselves the "piercing sweetness" of the love of Christ about Whom all the holy prophets did write and the psalmists did sing. There is today no lack of Bible teachers to set forth correctly the principles of the doctrines of Christ, but too many of these seem satisfied to teach the fundamentals of the faith year after year, strangely unaware that there is in their ministry no manifest Presence, nor anything unusual in their personal lives. They minister constantly to believers who feel within their breasts a longing which their teaching simply does not satisfy. I trust I speak in charity, but the lack in our pulpits is real. Milton's terrible sentence applies to our day as accurately as it did to his: "The hungry sheep look up, and are not fed." It is a solemn thing, and no small scandal in the Kingdom, to see God's children starving while actually seated at the Father's table.

Preface: The Pursuit of God
A. W. Tozer

WARNING: DANGER AHEAD.

"If church leadership is seeking to become relevant to its community, that may indicate that the reason for the church's existence is rooted more in a man-powered, human-centered effort rather than a God-centered, divinely empowered effort."

-J.H.

What Does A Relevant (New Testament) Church Look Like?

Uncompromising Regarding Biblically Obedience.

Uncompromising Regarding Scriptural Vision.

Uncompromising Regarding Doctrinally Soundness.

Uncompromising Regarding Full Submission.

Uncompromising Regarding Heavenly Mindedness.

Uncompromising Regarding Eternal Perspective

Uncompromising Regarding Faithfulness

Uncompromising Regarding the Reverence of the Ministry.

The church must answer those - who are honestly seeking answers.

Why do I exist?

What is the purpose of my life?

If I'm a good person, why do I feel so bad?

Is there life after death?

Is there any way to start life all over again?

The world has its answers for every one of these questions.
The problem is the answers that the world gives for these questions are all wrong.

Only the Bible has the correct answers to these life questions
The problem is, only a church that is in alignment with God's Word has the answer.

The Church at Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

This Is The Christian – The Church Being Relevant

John 7:46

The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

This Is The Christian – The Church Being Relevant

Matthew 7:28-29

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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Acts 20:27-28

For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

This Is The Christian – The Church Being Relevant

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with

joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

God doesn't need us to
Protect, defend, create or recreate His church. But He has commanded us to eat and feed upon His word & to pray and to reproduce His people by being a witness.

1 Corinthians 7:23
You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

Acts 20:28
Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Hebrews 9:11-14
But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1 John 3:16
By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

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