

REMINDER

BE SURE AND BE HERE NEXT WEEK TO HEAR -

EVANGELIST MALCOM ELLIS



**Sunday, January 31
through
Wednesday, February 3**



- Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching*
- Old-Fashioned Singing By Kent Buttram*
- Old-Fashioned Revival Services*

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Pastor's Corner

Robert W. White

The Great Falling Away: How Satan Is Preparing Mankind For The One- World Religion Of The Antichrist - Part 3

For the past few weeks, I have been sharing with you some things that God has laid on my heart about the current condition of Christendom, the condition the church will be in immediately prior to the Rapture, and how Satan is preparing mankind for his one-world religion under the antichrist as found in the Book of The Revelation.

Thusfar, we've talked about the fact that -

I. Before The Antichrist Can Be Revealed, There Must Be A "Falling Away" In The Church.

- A. The basic sequence of events of the end of time as we know it will be:
 1. There will be a falling away, sometimes referred to as the "great" falling away, which will occur in the last chapter of Church History, known as the Laodicean Era (see Rev. 1:19; & Rev. 3:14-22),
 2. The Christians of the Church Age will be removed during what is known to us as The Rapture (Rev. 1:19; & Rev. 4:1),
 3. The Antichrist will be revealed, then, after 7 years,
 4. Christ will return to rule and reign for 1000 years.
- B. The great "falling away" will happen prior to the revealing of the Antichrist and his one-world government, economy, and religion. In the Christian world, it will be typified by an emptying of Christianity of everything of substance and meaning, beginning with a slow eating away at the authority and validity of the Bible as the true Word of God, followed by an replacing of true, biblical worship with that which is experience-centered, aesthetic, and sensual. The result will be buildings full of *empty people* (see Rev. 3:20).
- C. Though Christ is and will save souls during the last days of Church history, it will not be on a wide scale as it was in the past - it will be on a small, individual scale.
- D. As a result, during the last years immediately prior to the Rapture, Christ and the true worship of Him will be forced out of the Church by those on the inside as they seek for "more" - as they seek for a faith that is "relevant" and "speaks to" the current generation. **Don't miss this point - it is one of the keys to unlocking the door to the One-World Religion of the Antichrist!** More on this later.
- E. The one-world religion of the antichrist will be one that is empty of doctrinal truth, and will be characterized by an overemphasis on emotionalism, intellectualism, and

mysticism (see II Thessalonians 2:9-12 and Revelation Chapter 13; Revelation 16:14; Revelation 19:20) . Preparations for the acceptance of this by professing Christians is already well underway.

- F. To achieve this, Satan will have to empty all faiths of any and all semblances of substance, so that the antichrist will become the "substance" - the object of worship - of the new one-world religion (Rev. 13:12).
- G. Emptying all systems of faith in the world of any real substance has already been accomplished, with two exceptions:
 - Orthodox Judaism, and
 - Orthodox Christianity (also known as conservative or fundamentalist Christianity)
- H. In order for his plan to work, Satan will have to get bible-based Christianity to apostasize - *to fall away* - in order for the Church Age to end. This will result in the ceasing of the Holy Spirit to hinder the revealing of the Man of Sin, and will allow Satan's master-plan that he began through Nimrod can come to fruition (see II Thess. Chapter 2; Genesis Chapter 10; and Rev. 1:19 & 4:1).
- I. In order to eviscerate Christianity, Satan has to strip it of it's foundation, which is it's dependence on the Word of God - *the Bible*.
- J. The manner in which Satan is carrying this out is slow and ponderous, yet no less dangerous or effective. He cannot change it all overnight - he has to gently "*nudge*" the people in the churches towards it, or they'd rebel and his plan would be foiled.

Now - having reminded us of these things, let's look for a moment at how Satan has and is working to destroy the effectiveness of the foundation of our faith - The Bible - in the hearts and minds of mankind:

The Attack on the BIBLE



God has placed a lot of importance upon His words.
"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my WORDS shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).
"... for thou hast magnified thy WORD above all thy name" (Psalm 138:2).
"For ever, O LORD, thy WORD is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).

The spiritual life-blood of the human race is the Word of God:
*** It brings salvation: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. . ." (I Peter 1:23)**

*** It produces faith:** "...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

*** It produces spiritual growth:** "...desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

Jesus Christ said in John 6:63, "...the words that I speak unto you, they are SPIRIT, and they are LIFE." Small wonder that the first time Satan attacked the human race was done using a direct attack on the Word of God!

In his book, *The Bible For Today's World*, my pastor in Dallas, Dr. W. A. Criswell said the following with regard to why it is so important for us to have in our hands an uncorrupted copy of the Word of God:

"If a man ever sees the face of God, if a man ever goes to heaven, he must go by the revelation and truth imparted to us in the holy Word of God. There is no other way to be saved.... There is only one way to be saved and that way is revealed in the sacred book."

Because of this Satan started early, in the Garden of Eden, by planting a small seed of doubt into the mind of Eve. As Eve questioned the truthfulness of God's Word - the fall of mankind was only a bite away, and beloved, Satan's main attack on mankind has not changed!

Jesus said, in Luke 8:11-12, that the Devil comes to take away the Word. That's his primary purpose - to deceive mankind by preventing them, if he can, from hearing the true Word of God.

If Satan is going to have mankind ready for the one-world religion of the Antichrist, he MUST distance mankind from the truth of the Word of God to the point that they will accept The Beast as their all-in-one leader. There are many ways to do this, and he tailors his methods for the type of person he's targeting. He attacks it:

*** Historically** - through attempts to prove that the Bible is not accurate in it's account of the histories it presents.

*** Scientifically** - through the elevation and near worship of science apart from (and supposedly superior to) the Word of God.

*** Intellectually** - through the pseudo-intellectualism that cannot and will not acknowledge the existence of God.

These areas, while very effective on the general populace, are not as persuasive as they need to be in the minds and hearts of those who are in the Church. So - Satan began many years ago a program of working at undermining the faith of those in the Church **from the inside**.

Only life in Christ, as brought to us in God's Holy Word, can bring peace, happiness, and joy to our lives. Without His life, we care empty. Satan is working to destroy any and all confidence in God's Word that men may have so that he can prime them for the one-world religion of the Tribulation, where mankind will be deceived into accept his counterfeit messiah, and the Antichrist will be worshiped, instead of the one true Christ. Now, while it is relatively easy to manipulate the minds of those who have no Faith, it's quite another to pull the legs out from under the foundation of the Church - the Bible. To try to do so quickly would incur the ire of the people in the pews - the attempts of the

folks who publish the NIV found this out when they attempted to bring a "gender-neutral" version of the NIV to America: it was met with such resistance that they dropped the idea completely.

Therefore, he began to do this well over 100 years ago by casting doubt as to the reliability of the texts from which our King James Version of the Bible was translated. I've written about this here before, so I will not go into detail here about it again, but suffice to say that, by sponsoring the higher-critical method of Bible study, and through the release of "superior" manuscripts, Satan has succeeded in diluting the Bible to the point that it no longer **IS** the Word of God, it merely **contains** the Word of God.

Never in history has such doubt and confusion over the Bible existed as is today, and nothing has flamed the fire of confusion and doubt over the Bible more than the scores of different translations flooding the scene. Even Time magazine (April 20, 1981 p.62) reported, "...there is an **UNPRECEDENTED CONFUSION** of choices in Bibles. Never have so many major new translations been on the market." Since 1880, over 200 different translations have appeared. Every six months a new English version appears! **SMALL WONDER PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED!** This is all part of the smokescreen of the Devil - to cast doubt and confusion in the minds of those in the churches as to the reliability of the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God.

With regard to what happens if the veracity of Scripture is destroyed, Dr. Criswell well said:

"As long as we hold to our hearts this Holy Book, with its revelation from the God of heaven who can see the end from the beginning, we have a message that can save our souls.... As long as the Bible is the course of our doctrine and of our preaching; as long as its message is our faith; as long as God's Word is dear to us - the Word Incarnate which is Jesus, the Word written which is the Holy Bible, the Word spoken by the mouth of the living God which the prophets and apostles heard - as long as the Word is precious to our souls, we hope, we have faith, we have strength, we have salvation, we have heaven and all that God has prepared for those who love Him."

"But when the basis of our persuasion and our hope is destroyed, the whole revelation of God in Christ turns to dust and ashes in our hands. There is then no authority, no revelation, no ultimate Word, and we live in a world of hopeless and darkening despair" (Page 108).

Today, precious few believe that they hold in their hands the inspired Word of God - like one of my daughter's teachers at a professedly Christian school told me, they believe that modern "scholarship" has produced "better" manuscripts and, thus, a better, more reliable translation of the Bible for the modern day world. The actual reality is the opposite: the corrupted manuscripts that came through Alexandria will one day be demonstrated as such, and the bulk of Christendom will no longer have any ground to stand on, whereupon the Antichrist will enter, give them something/someone to believe in, and they will believe the lie - that HE is the messiah, and that his religion is the only TRUE religion.

- more next week

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Rebekah White
 Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White

6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper

Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday School ----- 18
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 37
 Evening Service ----- 33
 Wed. Eve. Service, 01/20/10 ----- 24

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of January 17, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----  \$ 1,062.00
 Total Received for Week of 01/17/10: \$ 1,062.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00 

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 Fund Drives Until Our Regular
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 Giving We Experienced This
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



***Please Remember To
 Be Faithful to Give!***

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today** - OK? Thank you.

Church Directory

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 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
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