

# The Church in the End Times

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# Warnings for the End Times

- **Opening prayer**
- *“The Spirit clearly teaches that **in later times** some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.” 1 Tim. 4:1.*

# Warnings for the End Times

- *“... There will be terrible times **in the last days**. People will become lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. **Have nothing to do with them.**” 2 Tim 3:1-5*

# Warnings for the End Times

- Are we there yet?
- Has anyone among us been led astray by deceiving spirits and teaching of demons?
- Has the Church been infiltrated by imposters without our knowing it?
- Each of us should ask this morning, "have I, or someone in my family, been led astray?"  
Show me, oh Lord.
- Pray

# Are we in the End Times?

(when asked about the sign for the end of the age)

**Jesus answered:** “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name...Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes...these are the beginning of birth pains. Mathew 24:3-8

# Are we in the End Times?

The church has always believed the end is near.

- **Peter** said, *“the end of all things is near.”* 1P4:7.
- **Jesus** said: *“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world... at that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”*  
Lk. 21:25-28

# Are we in the End Times?

- The global economic crisis certainly has caused men everywhere to “faint from terror.”
- End Time “experts” point to the growing political/military conflict in the Middle East between Israel, Hezbollah, Hamas, and their supporters, Iran and Russia. It is nearly nuclear.
- No man actually knows the end date, but,
- No matter what, we are surely getting closer!

# Revelations Chapters 2&3

- *"I know the slander of those who...are a synagogue of satan."* To the church in Smyrna, Rev. 2:9.
- *"I know where you live – where satan has his throne."* To the church in Pergamum, Rev. 2:13
- (some have) *"...learned satan's so-called secrets,"* To the church in Thyatira, Rev. 2:24.
- *"I am about to spit you out of My mouth."* To the church in Laodicea, Rev 3:16.

# Revelations Chapters 2&3

- *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...”* Rev 3:20.
- 6 of the 7 churches mentioned in the text receive similar rebukes! (85%)
- Ezekiel’s End Times vision: Six men with weapons to destroy, one with writing kit to save (see Chap. 9)

# *Jesus' specific charges against the end-times church from Rev. Chapters 2&3*

## The teachings of **Balaam** and of the **Nicolaitans**:

- Eating food sacrificed/offered to idols (demons)
- Sexual immorality
- Tolerate the Jezebel spirit
- Lawlessness (Antinomian spirit = against law)
- Compromising with the pagan society (evil)
- Lukewarm – Worship in pretence but not in truth (Jer. 3:10-11)

# In Which Kingdom Are We Living?

- *“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the Kingdom of God.” Gal. 5:19-21.*
- Do we “tolerate rather than confront?” (2 Cor 11:4)

# In Which Kingdom Are We Living?

- Sometimes when we know our brother or sister is in sin, the Church seems to value and appreciate “tolerance” more than obedience.
- Parents, Children, Men, Women, Husbands, Wives? Do you live in the KINGDOM of GOD?
- Does anyone really know you? Your secret struggles? Does satan have a hold on your life?
- Are you in an authentic accountability relationship?

# Ministry Examples

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# Get Ready; and Help Others

- “...the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.
- “Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and Godly lives as you look forward to the day of God...”
- “...be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall away from your secure position.” 2 Peter 3:10-17

# Pray

- Search us...
- Reveal any way we have been led astray and are living like the world rather in the Kingdom of God
- Help us confess and repent
- Opportunity to respond...