



Collusion or Collision
Jesus' Message to the Final Church
From sermon 8.15.21

Read *Revelation 3:15-17*

Review from Sunday's sermon: One day, there will be final church (day/age). It could be our generation. It could be down the road. Due to division, marginalism, and worldliness, the final church's collision will not be with the world, but with itself. [And, for those who don't repent, a collision with the very Jesus they claim to represent] As He did with other churches and issues, Jesus has a specific message for the Church that exists just prior to the Rapture.

1. Pastor Skip pointed out the poor assessment of health, strength, and standing of final church, based on Revelation chapter 3. How does the current Western/American church see itself? What are they basing their assessment and blessing on? They view themselves as rich, vibrant, active, engaging, & inclusive. Their assessment is not based on Scripture, but largely based on numbers, influence, offering, sales, recognition, social inclusion and acceptance in the community.

2. Continue reading *Revelation 3:18-21*. Where is Jesus in relation to the final church? He's been delegated to the outside. The famous passage isn't addressing poor, lost sinners on the outside and in the world. It's addressing the Church. He's outside the Church. The modern and final church has removed the biblical Jesus.

3. One important topic, spiritual gift, and current neglect in the Church is discernment. Discuss. The current and final believe every doctrine, speaker, and spirit brought before them. No one is to be questioned. PhD's and degrees are esteemed much higher than scriptural understanding and character. The crowd fails to check out all things next to the Word and that Word in context.

4. Read *2 Timothy 4:2-5*. What does the Bible say the final church wants to hear? What can we conclude they don't want to hear? Discuss and give examples. They want only "good things" and "positive outlook" messages and preachers. They do not want to hear judgment, hell, fire and brimstone. They want practical advice to have richer/better lives. They do not want to hear a call for repentance or the true high price for following Christ.

5. What is predicted for the churches and individuals who remain faithful to the Scriptures and the biblical model? Persecution. Rejection. Dismissed. Slandered.

See also *Matthew 5:11-12* & *1 Peter 3:15-17*

6. As dark as thing will get, what does God always promise concerning His Church?

I. There will always be a remnant of the faithful/elect. See *Romans 11:4-5*

II. While the enemy will have great success in persecuting the Church, but he will not win.

See *Matthew 16:16-18*

III. Through it all, Jesus will never leave nor forsake the Church. See *Matthew 28:18-20*