

CORNERSTONE

DISCIPLESHIP

GROUPS

WHERE WILL YOU BE AT THE END OF THE AGE?
PASTOR JONATHAN BURNS
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Main Takeaways

1. **Personal Testimony Matters:** The pastor's transformation demonstrates that God's grace is real and experiential, not just theoretical.
2. **The Rapture is Biblical:** The church will be caught up (harpazo/raptured) before the tribulation period begins.
3. **Three Distinct Groups:** Scripture distinguishes between Israel, the Gentile nations, and the Church—each with different roles in God's plan.
4. **The Tribulation's Focus:** The church will be removed from the earth prior to the beginning of the tribulation. With the church no longer present, God will turn once again to Israel, which will be the focal point of the seven-year tribulation period.
5. **Our Eternal Position Matters Now:** What we do in this life affects our role in Christ's millennial kingdom.
6. **Deception is the Hallmark:** The end times will be characterized by widespread deception.

Discussion Questions

Section 1: Personal Certainty

Q1: At the beginning of the sermon, the pastor asked who was certain about where they'll be at the end of the age. How would you honestly answer that question today? What contributes to your certainty or uncertainty?

Q2: The pastor shared that his faith isn't based on growing up in church but on personal experience with Christ. How has your personal experience with God shaped your faith?

Q3: He mentioned that despair is often the lot of those who know the gospel but walk away from it. Why do you think this is true? Have you witnessed this in your own life or others?

Section 2: The Rapture & End Times Q4:

Many believers have never heard clear teaching on the rapture. What did you learn about the rapture from this sermon that was new or clarifying?

Q5: The pastor explained that the rapture is imminent (could happen at any moment) while the Second Coming requires specific events to occur first. How does understanding this distinction affect how you live daily?

Q6: Read Matthew 25:1-13 (Parable of the Ten Virgins). How does this parable relate to the sermon's emphasis on being ready and watching?

Q7: The sermon stated that "the hallmark of the entire end times period is deception." What are some deceptions you see affecting believers today? How can we guard against being deceived?

Section 3: Israel, the Church, and God's Plan

Q8: Why is it important to understand the distinction between Israel, the Gentile nations, and the Church? How does confusing these groups lead to misunderstanding Scripture?

Q9: The pastor explained that Israel is currently under a "partial blindness" that will be lifted when the Church is raptured. How does this help you understand current events in the Middle East?

Q10: Read Romans 11:25-27. What does Paul say about Israel's future? How should this affect how we pray for and view the Jewish people?

Section 4: Living with Eternity in Mind

Q11: The sermon emphasized that our actions now affect our position in Christ's millennial kingdom. How does this truth motivate you differently than just "getting to heaven"?

Q12: The pastor mentioned specific crowns and rewards for winning souls and sharing the gospel. Does this encourage you? Does it make you uncomfortable? Why?

Q13: He said, "It is not so much an issue of quantity. It is a matter of, did I seek to fulfill the will of God for my life?" What is God calling you to do that you may have been putting off?

Q14: Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. How does Paul describe the evaluation of our works? What does this passage teach about building on the foundation of Christ?

Personal Reflection

- If the rapture happened today, am I absolutely certain I would be included? Why or why not?
- Am I living with urgency about sharing the gospel, or have I fallen into the trap of thinking "things will keep on being the way they always have been"?
- What is one specific area where I need to align my thinking with Scripture rather than with the world's perspective?

Practical Application

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following to implement this week:

Option 1: Study for Yourself

- Listen to one sermon from "The End of the Age and the Ages to Come" series
- Take notes on what you learn
- Share one insight with the group next week

Option 2: Share Your Faith

- Pray for one specific person who doesn't know Christ
- Look for an opportunity to share your testimony or the gospel with them
- Report back to the group (respecting confidentiality)

Option 3: Deepen Your Knowledge

- Attend the Wednesday night teaching series "The Man, Christ Jesus" or "Already Accepted" on Sundays
- Invite someone else to come with you

Option 4: Examine Your Life

- Spend time in honest prayer asking God to reveal areas where you're conforming to the world rather than being transformed by Scripture
- Make one concrete change based on what He shows you

Prayer Time

Pray for:

1. Boldness to share the gospel with urgency
2. Protection from deception and clear understanding of God's Word

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 2 - Student / Teacher Prayer
- August 5 - Communion
 - Back to School Bash (Grades K-12)



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