

What a Weird Church - Doctrinally

The Biblically Unique Church: The Church Being Light and Salt in Doctrine Chris Mueller 5-22-22

Introduction:

Matthew 5:13 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. **14** You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...

Wrong approaches determining what we believe:

1st The Theology Smorgasbord approach

2nd The Confessions and Creeds approach

3rd Pick your Favorite approach

A. Pick your favorite reformer

B. Pick your favorite author

4th Majority Rules approach

#1 Rely on The Authority of the Word proven in E_____

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as workman who does not heed to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of truth.

How do you get the author's intended meaning?

Not...

from superficial study

by making the Bible say what you want

by finding secret meanings

by taking verses out of context **1 Timothy 2:15, Matthew 18:20**

by having experience give you your interpretation

by justifying one's lifestyle with the Bible

But by interpreting the bible...

Literally

Contextually

Historically

Grammatically

Synthetically

#2 Depend on the Authority of the Word, through Biblical E_____

1st Why should you believe in _____?

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will

Romans 9:11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, **14** What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! **15** For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." **16** So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

2nd Why should you believe in a literal earthly _____ ?

Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; **3** and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. **4** Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **5** The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will REIGN WITH HIM for a thousand years. **7** When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison

Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. **Isaiah 11:6** And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,

Isaiah 40:5 Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together

Isaiah 9:7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace. On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness. From then on and forevermore.

Isaiah 33:24 no resident will say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.

Isaiah 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. **6** Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

Isaiah 65:20 No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred. And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accursed.

TAKE HOME:

- A. Don't drift into the _____ of young men
- B. Prepare to _____ on truth through sound exegesis
- C. Correct interpretation is the path to _____ with Christ

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me

Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing the word of Christ

John 17:17 Sanctify them in truth, thy word is truth

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. In what ways could non-Christians be attracted to the church by sound doctrine?
2. Why do many churches not teach sound doctrine?
3. Why do so many trusted men disagree on doctrine? For example, though they agree on salvation, they don't agree on end times.
4. Why is it so important for you as a believer and us as a church to be one heart and one mind with doctrine?
5. What thinking is to be avoided and what steps are necessary to arrive at the author's intended message of any passage?
6. What steps will you take this week in order to be salt and light in your witness over what we believe – our doctrine?

