## **Preterit Theology:**

## A Dangerous End Time Teaching In The Church Today

(The following is a merger of some of our past blogs on Preterit teaching.)

Reviewing The DANGERS Of The "Preterit" Perspective

This viewpoint continues to grow in spite of the many clear reasons to reject it. Holding this position and its teaching that end-time revelation in the Word of God has already been fulfilled in the early church era (either in full or in part) is a most dangerous perspective indeed.

It promotes the rejection of crucial advice which has been given to the final generation before the return of Jesus Christ. An "It's simply not for today" mentality makes one extremely susceptible to ill-preparedness due to the rejection of biblical end-time Counsel. It denies God's revelation concerning the days before His Son's return, revelation through which one (to cite one of many examples) is able to discern the many cultural characteristics of the one-world system.

QUESTION for you the reader: To what degree are you obeying God's protective mandates to be discerning and watching - given, in part, to guard you from the eternally consequential lies so prevalent in our culture today?

Yes, 1) many have been saying "it is the time of the end" for thousands of years, but this should not lead us to reject God's Counsel to be watching **today**. (Do you recall the "Wolf, Wolf" Syndrome?) As the early Church was instructed to be watching and waiting for the return of Christ, so too is each subsequent generation to be ready and watching for these events to take place — events, our Lord says, will unfold before His return. Our generation is obviously included in this mandate to be ready.

And yes, 2) some of these end-time signs have been expressed through history - but Jesus Christ has not yet returned AND never before in human history have these signs occurred to the degree they are taking place today. So embrace God's sweet, shepherding Counsel – read it and heed it – whereby you live under His protection from the deceptions and attacks which have eternal personal consequences.

Stating the above in a slightly different manner ...

When will we KNOW – biblically speaking – this popular end-time position is incorrect?

We know – TODAY – this view (including both full and partial Preterism) is incorrect, as an end-time view, because Jesus Christ has not yet returned and because end-time signs (highlighted in the Bible) are unfolding – **TODAY!** (Preterit understanding is not only a *historical* view. It's a view which holds dogmatic teaching on what the Church, through history, has labeled *end-time passages*. As such, this viewpoint is both a (false) teaching in these end of days and is an erroneous end-time teaching.)

For more on this faulty view, please visit our Destructive Dogma pages at www.currentmatters.org.

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