

“WHAT IS GOD DOING IN THIS CHURCH AGE?”

I. KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT: THE CONTEXT FOR GOD’S PLAN

II. THE NATION OF ISRAEL IN GOD’S PLAN

III. THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN GOD’S PLAN

IV. THE CHURCH IN GOD’S PLAN

A. God Wants You to Know the REAL TIME

1. After the apostasy of the nation of Israel in rejecting its _____, God began a new program called the _____. (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2)
2. As a believer in Christ, you should know that you are living in the _____. (2 Tim. 3:1-12)

** What is predicted of this age?*

B. God Wants You to Know Who Your REAL ENEMY Is

1. Satan seeks to thwart the witness of the Church through _____ (1 Pet. 5:8-11; Phil. 1:29, Acts 14:22; Rom. 8:35-37; 1 Pet. 2:21; John 16:33) and _____ of sound doctrine (2 Cor. 11:2-4, 13-15; 1 Tim. 4:1-3).

** What aspect of truth is Satan most opposed to?*

2. As a believer in Christ, you have been provided with the _____ of God in this spiritual conflict. (Eph. 6:10-19)

C. God Wants You to Know Your REAL IDENTITY

1. As a believer in Christ, you have been _____ of the _____ (Acts 15:14; 1 Pet. 2:9; Titus 3:12-14) through the _____ (2 Thess. 2:13-14).

** What is this calling based on?*

2. God has provided a threefold sanctification for you as a believer: a _____ sanctification (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1), a _____ sanctification, (John 17:17; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; 2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:3-7; 2 Tim. 2:21), and a _____ sanctification (1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 John 3:1-3).

D. God Wants You to Know Your REAL RELATIONSHIP to This WORLD

1. As a believer in Christ, you have _____ to the world (Gal. 6:14) when you _____ (Gal. 2:20).

** Where is your real citizenship?*

2. Practically, God now wants you not to _____ the world (Jam. 4:4), _____ the world (1 John 2:15), or _____ like the world (Rom. 12:2).

E. God Wants You to Know Your REAL PURPOSE in This World

1. You have been appointed as an _____ for Christ (2 Cor. 5:17-21) to _____ to the world (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15; Lk. 24:46-47).

2. The example of the Apostle Paul demonstrates that the Church's corporate mission is not to _____ but to _____. (Rom. 1:14-32; Acts 13, 14, 17).

** Where is the biblical balance when it comes to politics and the believer?*

** How does all of this relate to God's kingdom program and your eternal future?*