

The Principles of the History of the Seven Churches at the End of Time

The 7 churches describe the historical progression of man's response to Jesus in receiving or rejecting His love, mercy, and grace, and staying faithful to His leading as a member of His pure church or apostatizing into the Synagogue of Satan. At the end of time, all the churches are simultaneously represented, depicting the character of those in each domain – either possessing the character of Christ, or the character of Satan. The seven churches will have been made complete – the pure church exemplifying the characteristics of all seven pure churches, completing God's church as the body of Christ, and the false church demonstrating the attributes of all seven false churches, completing the Synagogue, or congregation, of Satan.

The composite characteristics of the pure church at the end of time

The pure church

- adheres to God's Word as the test of truth,
- has kept the purity of the gospel without perversion and with patience for Christ's name sake, and
- hates evil born of deception or false doctrine, as in the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, including licentiousness, adultery, and idolatry.

The pure church

- endures tribulation and poverty but are rich in faith.
- Many are persecuted both by pagans and interfaith power struggles, but are victorious in their faith in Christ, even unto death, and will be given a crown of life.

The pure church

- holds fast to Christ as their righteousness, and
- *have not denied their faith, even if it means martyrdom for the believer.*

The pure church

- is steeped in the love of God one for another, and
- with faith and patience has labored for the salvation of souls, even to their own peril.
- They have grown in the Word, and have kept themselves pure from papal error, countering with the truths of the bible as "It is written."

The pure church

- has not defiled itself with papal error accumulated over the long period of spiritual darkness controlled by Roman Catholic Church doctrine and Counter-Reformation diatribe.
- They have held fast to the truths of the gospel message and Christ's righteousness as their sufficiency, knowing that He alone is worthy.

The pure church

- of brotherly love is comprised of the Advent Movement which proclaims the three angels' messages and the soon 2nd Coming of Christ, and,
- despite disappointment and ridicule, follows Christ by faith into the Most Holy Place where He began his high priestly ministry of atonement, judging every man according to his works, and blotting out the sins of His truly repentant followers.
- The living remnant of this movement will go through Jacob's time of trouble, when their earthliness will be cleansed, and their faces will shine with the glory of God.
- The lost will seek to worship at their feet.
- This remnant will live to see Christ coming in the clouds of glory and will be translated in the twinkling of an eye.
- All others who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law.
- "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient. {GC 637.1}

The pure church

- is counseled to prepare for Christ's 2nd Coming by receiving his Spirit and, therefore, the impartation of the Life of Christ, that He would be perfectly reflected in his remnant at the end of time. It is then that He will come and deliver His people.
- Jesus, the true witness, counsels His last day people to give the straight testimony that will bring about a shaking in the church, separating the wheat from the tares, the true from the false.
- As God's people, by faith, receive Christ's righteousness, love, and truth, they will receive His mind, His heart and His Spirit. The Lord will dwell in them and they in Him.

- Consequently, they willingly undergo the Lord's chastening, cleansing, and repentance, receiving His virtue, the healing power of love, that they may be readied to be co-laborers with Him as Christ finishes His work in heaven, and simultaneously in His faithful remnant.
- They will be used of the Lord to give the Third Angel's Message which swells to the Loud Cry, calling God's people out of a fallen Babylon of church corruption.

The composite attributes of the apostate church, the Synagogue of Satan, at the end of time

The apostate church

- loses its first love of Christ, and
- if devoid of true repentance, negates Christ's gift of protection and mercy, and instead permits a foothold for Satan.

The apostate church

- professes Christianity, but they blaspheme the Lord, pervert the gospel message, and
- split the church into many Christian sects, each vying for power in its own righteousness.

The apostate church

- compromises its faith, yielding to man rather than to God.
- Their allegiance to government is born of the desire for no further persecution.
- Christians are invited to leave their first estate in Christ and come into positions of power and wealth, focusing principally on themselves and the world instead of on Jesus, relying on man to fight their battles, and not on God.
- Their witness, like Balaam's, becomes a stumblingblock to others as they commit spiritual adultery with the power brokers of the world, putting their dependence upon man rather than upon God.
- Their gospel is based upon a false Nicolaitane doctrine, which claims that man is saved in his sins, and that professed faith is a substitute for obedience, thereby claiming a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.
- If they fail of earnest repentance, they have pitted themselves against Almighty God and His Word, to their eternal ruin.

The apostate church

- of Satan's Synagogue is found in the "Jezebel" of the Papal Roman Catholic hierarchy, guilty of committing spiritual adultery with the kings of the earth by church-state alliances, to use the might of the state to preserve the church's institutions and coerce humanity to believe and uphold Roman Catholic idolatrous doctrines, dogmas and rites as a substitute for salvation in Christ Jesus.
- Papal influence polluted the Protestant movement by supplanting the true 7th Day Sabbath, instituted by our Creator on the 7th day of creation, with the false papal sabbath of Sunday, instituted by man with no Scriptural justification whatsoever.
- As such, the "daughters" of the Protestant world stay in apostasy by aligning themselves with their "mother" of the Roman Catholic Church, worshiping according to the traditions of men rather than in accordance with the 4th Commandment of the Law of God. And as quoted in James 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all."
- The apostate church thereby yields its obedience to man, under satanic influence, and not to God. Choosing not to repent of her evil rebellion, the churches who profess with their lips but their hearts are far from Jesus, are ultimately left with the choices they made, counter to God's Word and His Law, with fearful and irrevocable consequences of eternal loss.

The apostate church,

- or dead church, has lost its connection to Christ, being steeped throughout the Dark Age in papal tradition and spiritual misperception, exalting man's traditions over God's law.
- If error is not replaced with the truth of God's Word, and their lives are not transformed in Christ, then they will be found wanting at Christ's 2nd Coming and left to face eternal death.

The apostate church

- will be made up of professed Christians who proclaim the name of Jesus, but they do err in their hearts. Like the pharisees of old, they deceive themselves that the ritual of worship is itself salvation, and their version of Christianity degenerates into formalism.
- They lie to themselves and the world, nominally claiming Christ as their Savior, but their hearts are not given to Jesus, not permitting Him to perfect His sinless, self-sacrificing, self-denying character in them.
- They adulterate truth with error, insisting on their own perversions of doctrine and worship, and self-righteously establish conditions for their fitness for heaven, thereby putting man's word over God's.

The apostate church

- remains lukewarm, being self-satisfied with the allurements of the world, as for example, wealth, position, power, entertainment, and possessions, having no continual need of a Savior.
- Salvation for them is once and for all time, not a daily conversion and ongoing maturing in Christ.
- They do not realize their true plight, that they are spiritually wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked, and in desperate and continual need of Jesus as their Savior.
- Because they live in pharisaical hypocrisy, being neither on fire for the Lord, doing His work zealously and obediently, nor aware of their true deplorable condition and continual need of salvation in Christ, the Lord would sooner vomit them from His mouth as nauseating and unsavory, unfit for heaven and eternity.
- Jesus can no longer confess them before the Father.
- In this lukewarm state of "heat death," they are disqualifying themselves to be used of the Lord. They are neither hot nor cold; hot in the sense that they are acutely aware of their need of salvation met only in Christ, or cold in the sense that they are agonizingly aware of their terrible condition and in need of salvation but are still searching earnestly for how that need is to be met.

Christ promises to each that overcomes in Him...

- These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.** (Rev 2:1b,7b)
- These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.** (Rev 2:8b,11b)
- These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it].** (Rev 2:12b,17b)
- These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet [are] like fine brass; **And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star.** (Rev 2:18b,26-28)
- These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; **He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.** (Rev 3:3a,5)
- These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; **Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name.** (Rev 3:7b,12)
- *These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;* **To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.** (Rev 3:14a,21)