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GOD'S AWESOME CHURCH

By John Walton

IT'S DESTINY:

- * The Church will survive the world, and be in bliss when the world is in ruin.
- * It will be protected through tribulation (Rev. 3:10)
- * It will be presented to Him glorious, without spot. (Eph 5:27)
- * It will be translated (Thess 4; 1Cor 15:51-53; 2 Thess 2:1-4)
- * It will have a great marriage feast (Rev 19:7-9)
- * It is the new Jerusalem (Rev 21)

Comment, but you may say, "the church has got some bad scenes through history and now". Story of the

Cologne Cathedral - Dr Culver's view & poem.

The kingdoms of this world are only the scaffolding God uses for the building of His Church.

When the building is completed the scaffolding will be removed. It is necessary for the construction, but only tempory.

Dr. Culver saw Cologne Cathedral in process of construction. The picture was disfigured by scaffolding.

When he saw it again, completed a few years later, it was magnificent.

He wrote:

*View the vast building: see it rise,
The work how great, the plan how wise!
O wonderous fabric! Power unknown
That rests it on the Living Stone.*

IT'S ORIGIN:

* A concept hidden in past ages, a mystery that heathens will be saved and be made part

of His Church (Eph 3:1-21)

* Multi-fold wisdom of God will be shown through the Church to angels, powers, and

principalities - this is His eternal purpose.

* Jesus declared it! (Matt 16) On this rock - it cannot die! No enemy can destroy it.

Acts 2 tells how the Church came into being at Pentecost. We are baptised by one Spirit into

one Body (1 Cor 12:15)

PURPOSE

« The Church is Christ displayed - it is the extension of Christ's visit to earth. If it were not

for the Church Satan would have turned this world into hell!

* It is the habitation of God (Eph 3:21 -22)

* It is the pillar and base of the truth

Comment: The Church's invisible head is Christ.

WHEN DOES CHURCH CEASE TO BE A CHURCH?

1. When Christ is no longer head.

2. When Jesus is not honoured. No union possible.

3. When its members live no differently to the world.

4. When it can no longer be a company of called out ones. Greek ekklesia "called out" (ek

= out; kalo = to call)

5. When it's no long the conscience of society.

6. When sin is ignored.

7. When the Bible is no longer its authority.
8. When its members don't attend (voluntarily)
10. When it loses its sense of mission.

WHY DON'T MANY PEOPLE COME TO CHURCH?

1. Don't know God or His purpose and value of Church.
2. Have been stumbled by its imperfections.
3. Spiritually lazy - "mind their own things".
4. Have come and could not relate (bored).
5. Willfully indifferent.

NEW CART CHURCHES

* No structure or Over structured

* Youth only churches

* Business patterns

4 Hollywood churches

MY VISION OF CHURCH

1. To gather a people out of worldly living to be wholly consecrated to God (Ex 3:10; 13:2,9;

28:41; 2 Cor. 6:16-18)

2. It's people to become vitally regulated as his body under the headship of our Lord Jesus

Christ (Eph 4:5,16; Col 1 :18)

3. To become established as individuals and a company (corporate) living sensitively under

the direction of our only Lord Jesus Christ and for the full pleasure of our God and Father

(Col 2:10)

See Acts 26:12-20 Heaven Vision.

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