

Outline – October 30, 2022  
Matthew 16:13-18; 25:20-30  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Revelation 3:14-20

**If We Ignore Our History, We Are Doomed To Repeat It**

- I. **The church in Germany in the 1920's and 1930's**
  - A. It was a Christian nation
    - 1. The home of Martin Luther
    - 2. The involvement of churches
    - 3. The building of seminaries
  - B. Theologians wrote commentaries
  - C. How did evil take over
    - 1. Church embraced "higher criticism"
    - 2. Church left sound doctrine
    - 3. The church became religious rather than relational connection
    - 4. No power, no voice
    - 5. Allowed the culture to influence the church
  - D. Germany became a living hell
  - E. A level of demonic evil none of us can imagine
  - F. Sin and demonic influence waits for the light to go dim
  
- II. **What pushes back the darkness**
  - A. The promises of Jesus
  - B. The power of Jesus
  - C. The cross of Jesus
  - D. The resurrection of Jesus
  - E. The blood of Jesus
  - F. The spirit of Jesus
  - G. The people of Jesus
  
- III. **The church: the people of God**
  - A. Made up of born again believers
    - 1. Those who trust/believe in Jesus for eternal life
  - B. Baptized in His name
    - 1. Letting others know who you follow
    - 2. Letting other know whose "team" you are on
  - C. A growing love for Messiah
  - D. A growing love of serving others
  - E. A group/fellowship who hear and embrace the teaching of God's Word
    - 1. To get filled with truth
    - 2. To empty into other's lives

- F. To fellowship as family
  - 1. Filled with His spirit
  - 2. Cleansed by His blood
- G. To break bread
- H. To worship and pray
- I. To impact others with the gospel of grace and truth
- J. To disciple others with sound doctrine

**IV. The church: the purpose**

- A. To grow in faith, hope, and love
  - 1. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
- B. To take what He has given us and use it for Him
- C. To be light of the world
- D. To be salt of the earth

**V. The problems, challenges, and enemies of the church**

- A. Wolves in sheep's clothing
- B. Unsound doctrine
- C. Idols (labels)
- D. Division
- E. Perversion of scripture  
of life
- F. Apathy
- G. Lukewarm – religiosity
- H. Closing the door on Jesus
- I. Lack of faith
- J. Quenching, grieving the Spirit

**VI. The essence of the church**

- A. To use our talent to demonstrate our love for Jesus
- B. To love one another as He loved us
- C. To speak up  
To speak out
  - 1. To speak truth
  - 2. To speak grace
- D. To provide a place where His word, His message is not compromised
  - 1. Where we are not to be lukewarm
  - 2. Where idolatry has no place
- E. Where the cross and resurrection of Jesus is declared

**VII. Where is the American church today**

- A. Where Germany was in 1933
- B. Afraid to speak up
- C. Allowing cultural Marxism, liberal lunacy, perversion madness to take over
  - 1. The church of Laodicea
- D. If darkness takes over
  - Freedom will be taken
  - Tyranny will rule
- E. Understand freedom is not the norm in this world

**VIII. The hope and freedom found in the church created by the Messiah**

- A. Jesus brings freedom
- B. Freedom stamps out fear
- C. If we don't use our freedom to keep our freedom, we lose it

## **The Church Is To Glorify The Lord**