



AD 70

DEFINING & DISPROVING

Sermon  SNAPSHOTS

IF THE FINAL JUDGMENT HAS ALREADY COME

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 says we ALL must face the judgment. Today, some deny this truth, saying the final judgment has *already come* (i.e. Radical preterism, hyper-preterism, realized eschatology, or the AD-70 doctrine). Similar things were taught in the past (2Tm.2:16-18; 1Cor.15:12-19); but Paul showed the consequences of such. This study will show the *consequences* of saying the final judgment has already come

There can be NO future judgment

- From now on, there is **NO ultimate accounting** for anyone's life, actions, or choices
- To speak of salvation, condemnation, heaven, or hell is **meaningless!** (saved from what?)
- **Songs/sermons** that speak of Christ's coming, resurrection, and judgment, **should be dropped!**
- *The focus of life must, of necessity, shift to the "here and now," yet devoid of eternal consequence!*
- **Hence, any "purpose" in life is self-determined – and of no real significance!**

Only three possible outcomes remain

- Universalism – **EVERYONE** will be saved (hence, no future judgment is needed; Lk.13:23-24)
- Annihilationism – **NO ONE** will be saved (cease to exist; no future judgment needed; Hb.10:28-29)
- Fatalism (Calvinism) – only those **PREDETERMINED** will be saved (judgments made; Rv.22:17)
- *There is no other logical possibility! You can't speak of "saved vs. lost" without a "judgment!"*

Moral choices don't matter; do as you please

- If **all** are saved (no future judgment), live as you please, for it won't change the outcome!
- If **none** are saved (cease to exist), live as you please, for it won't change the outcome!
- If only the **predetermined** will be saved, live as you please, for it won't change the outcome!
- All of the above (universalism, annihilationism, fatalism) are **"an invitation to low living!"**
- **There are no eternal consequences for sin, nor motivations to righteousness! (Eccl.12:13-14)**

Logic DEMANDS all the above consequences!

- **Heaven or Hell:** Can the call be made? Who will make the call? How will it be made?
- Such notions are **nonsensical and irrelevant** – **IF there is no future judgment!**
- *Finally, if there is NO future judgment, then why does it MATTER if I accept this doctrine???*
- Doctrines have consequences! If you can't accept the consequences, you must abandon the theory!



These are some consequences of accepting the doctrine of "Radical Preterism (AD-70)" Do not be deceived! This doctrine is false to the core, and should be rejected by any Bible-believing person!

THINGS THAT ARE YET TO COME

Hebrews 10:11-14 says that Jesus is sitting “at the right hand of God... waiting till His enemies are made His footstool” (v.12-13). **Jesus STILL has many enemies: Satan, atheists, agnostics, Muslims, false teachers, – even death (1Cor.15:26).** *This means there are things that are YET to come: namely, the ultimate defeat of all of the enemies of Christ! Therefore, in this lesson, we will consider a preview of things YET to come*

Jesus will return from Heaven

- He said, “I go” (to God’s house), and “will come again,” that we may be where He is (Jn.14:1-3)
- He will “so come” as He left this world: personally, bodily, and visibly (Ac.1:9-11; 1Th.4:16)
- Then, we shall meet Him “in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (cf. 1Th.4:17)
- We must commune “till He comes” (1Cor.11:26). So, if we still commune, *then He is yet to come!*

Jesus will raise the dead

- Christ was raised (**bodily**) from the dead, and became the “**first-fruits**” (1Cor.15:3-4, 20-23)
- “**THEN** comes **the END**” – “**WHEN** He puts an end to **ALL** rule” – *even death’s rule* (v.24-26)
- This “**END**” is “**the LAST day**” (Jn.6:40, 44, 54; 11:23-24, If the last day came, where is Lazarus?)
- If people are still marrying and dying, *then this resurrection is yet to come!* (Lk.20:34-36)



Jesus will judge all men

- There’s a PERSONAL “judgment” which comes “**AFTER**” death; *hence, is yet to come!* (Hb.9:27)
- This personal judgment of “each one” (including me and you!) will be done by Christ (2Cor.5:10)
- The righteous will be rewarded, and the wicked will be punished – **ETERNALLY!** (Mt.25:46)
- If good and bad still “grow together,” *then this judgment is yet to come!* (Mt.13:24-30, 36-43)

Jesus will destroy the creation

- Some will question Jesus’ coming, *because all things continue as from the beginning!* (2Pt.3:3-4)
- But they “willfully forget” that God previously judged the world by a flood in Noah’s day (v.5-6)
- Then, Peter adds that God will destroy the entire creation by fire on the Day of Judgment (v.7,10)
- Since the creation “of old” (v.5) is still “reserved for fire,” *then this destruction is yet to come!*

Radical Preterists deny that these things are yet to come. However, if there’s no future return of Christ, no future resurrection, and no future judgment, then why serve the Lord at all? If we are not going to be held responsible by some final and irrevocable judgment, “then let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die” (1Cor.15:32). Truth is: we should live our lives in such a way as to be ready for the end. Are YOU ready??

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