

The Great Reset Part 7

The Change that is Coming and What to Do

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The Great Reset

I've called this series, *The Great Reset*. This refers to three things:

- Rebellion: Rebellious Attempts to Establish Heaven on Earth apart from God (Genesis 11:4-6)
- Return: Return of Christ in which He Establishes Heaven on Earth (2 Peter 3:10-13)
- Repentance: Repentance in which People Reorient Their Lives to God and His Kingdom (Acts 2:36-38; Matthew 6:33)

So, what does that personal 'reset' or repentance look like?

The Christian Life

One way to summarize the Christian life (broadly speaking) is in terms of 5 Cs:

- Communication: speaking and holding fast to the gospel we are to communicate
- Communion: seeking God in public and private communion
- Community: sharing life and gifts in community with other believers in the local church
- Compassion: showing compassion to those in need
- Commonality: serving well in one's family, workplace and world

Communication

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. – Acts 2:42

The Truth that Sets Free

Why were they devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching? Because we live in a fallen world filled with love-destroying and soul-damning lies. (John 14:6) *Why is this so important?* (John 8:31-36; Romans 1:16; 1 Timothy 3:15) *How do we see this commitment to the communication of the Apostles' teaching in Acts?* (Acts 1:8; 2:41, 42; 4:29-31; 6:7; 8:1-4, 35; 11:13-15; 12:24; 13:49; 14:3; 16:31-32; 19:20; 20:7-12, 32; 28:30-31)

Jesus and the Kingdom

What was the teaching of the Apostles? The apostles taught the good news of the coming kingdom of God and the crucial work and reign of Jesus Christ. (Acts 28:30-31) So, what did that teaching sound like? Let me give one summary of it.

The Good News: *What is the Christian gospel or good news?*

- God sent His Son, Jesus the God-Man, to save us from sin and satisfy us in God forever. – John 3:16
- Jesus lived the life we could never live (perfect obedience/ love). – Romans 5:19

- Jesus died the death we deserve to die (just wrath on the cross). – Romans 5:8
- Jesus rose from the dead as an able and willing Savior to offer forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life to all. – Luke 24:45-47
- Jesus reigns over all things as sovereign Lord and King for the good of His people and the glory of God and He sent His Spirit to bring people into His kingdom. – Acts 2:36
- Jesus will return to rescue His people, judge all men, destroy evil and usher in the kingdom of heaven on earth. – 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Repentant Faith: How are we to respond to the good news?

- Turn from sin to God for mercy to be set free from the penalty and power of sin (repentance). – Acts 2:37-38
- Trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior for your acceptance with God (faith). – John 1:11-13
- Rest in Jesus for God the Father’s full and lasting love through His pardon and perfection. – 1 John 4:14-16
- Hope in God for the promises of help (power and provision) and happiness (full and lasting joy) because of Jesus. – John 15:7-11
- Love in submission to God’s Word and will with God’s people by His Spirit to be like Jesus. – 1 John 5:2-3
- Endure faithfully in the face of suffering (pain) and seduction (pleasures) like Jesus who endured the cross for the joy set before Him. – Luke 8:13-15

Holding Fast

How are we to devote ourselves to the Apostles’ teaching? We should internalize it and externalize it so that we never let go of it. (Romans 12:1-2) What does that look like?

- Know it by reading and listening and committing Scripture and summaries of truth to memory. – Psalm 119:11
- Meditate on it through intentional time in the Word and as you navigate decision-making throughout your day. – Psalm 1:1-3
- Preach it to yourself in the face of the monotonous mundane, the trials of pain and the temptations of pleasure. – Psalm 119:92, 101
- Trust and obey it by depending on what it says and making decisions in light of what it says is right and wise and good. – James 1:21-25
- Proclaim it to others as you have an open door through everyday conversations, answering questions, public forums, in the face of persecution and through missions. – Acts 1:8
- Hold on to it no matter what, even when everything seems to say the opposite, and pass it on to the next generation. – 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Conclusion

To be devoted to the Apostles’ teaching is to trust God through Jesus Christ and ultimately to ‘trust the Love’! – 1 John 4:16-19