

Acts 3:21 "THE RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS"

Part 5 "THE ETERNAL ORDER ESTABLISHED.

This is the final step in the restitution of all things.

I. THE SUBDUING OF ALL THINGS.

A. The Enemy Of All Righteousness- Satan: Rev.20:10 (eternally conquered and punished)

1. Stripped of all power & made helpless- Is.14:12-17

B. All Those At Enmity With God.(unsaved)

1. Resurrected: Rev.20:13

John 5:29

Dan.12:2

2. Great White Throne judgment: Rev.20:11-15

(a) No mercy, v11.

(b) Judged to determine degrees of punishment, v13.

(c) All the lost are sentenced to eternal destruction, v15. Rev.21:8

3. Thus the end of all the wicked: Ps.73:2-19

Psalms 75:8

Psalms 92:7

Prov.4:14-19

Psalms 112:4-10

Malachi 3:13-4:3

C. The Last Enemy Destroyed, Rev.20:14

I Cor.15:26

II. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRESENT UNIVERSE (both heaven & earth)

A. Are Reserved Unto Destruction: 2 Peter 3:7

B. The Fashion Of This World Passeth Away, I Cor.7:31

C. The Things Of This World Are Temporal, Not Eternal, 2 Cor.4:18

D. Shall Be Put Off Like An Old Garment, Psalms 102:25,26

E. Shall Be Totally Consumed:

1. Dissolved, Is.34:4

2. Pass away, Mark 13:31

Luke 21:33

Matt.24:35

3. Vanish away, Is.51:6

4. Perish, Heb.1:10-12

5. Be burned up, 2 Peter 3:10-12

III. SHALL BE REPLACED BY A NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH.

A. Yet To Be Created, Is.65:17

B. Promised By God's Eternal Word, 2 Peter 3:13

C. Witnessed By Inspiration, Rev.21:1

D. To Be The Eternal Order Of Creation, Is.66:22

E. With A New World Capital: New Jerusalem.

1. Pictured as a bride adorned for her husband, Revelation 21:2,9-27 v12. "unto the Jew first" v14. Apostles were the first set in the church v24. Capital city of the new earth
2. Looked for by O.T. saints, Hebrews 11:10,16
3. Called the city of the living God, Heb. 12:22
4. A continuing city, sought by saints, Heb. 13:14

IV. CHRIST DELIVERS THE KINGDOM INTO THE HANDS OF THE FATHER. I Cor. 15:24-28 WITH:

- Satan, sin & death eternally destroyed
- all the wicked in the lake of fire
- all the old order vanished away
- all the saints glorified in perfection
- nothing contrary to God or His authority & righteousness remaining

THUS:

- the work of Christ is complete
- God has not failed in anything He set out to do
- God is victorious over all opposition & exalted in all those who put their faith & trust in Him.
- Everything manifests the glory of God

V. GOD DWELLS WITH HIS PEOPLE ETERNALLY.

A. The Climax Of God's Eternal Purpose, Rev. 21:3-5 to dwell with man in perfect harmony & fellowship.

B. These Things Are On A Level Beyond The Comprehension Of The Finite Mind, I Cor. 2:9,10 Isaiah 64:4

-It is accepted by faith, as God by His Holy Spirit reveals it unto us through His Word

WHO IS REALLY "SEEING" THESE THINGS?

2 Peter 3:11 the question to be answered

Which Nature Are You Minded To Satisfy?

Romans 8:5-9 which one will you forsake, in order to satisfy the other?

- Where do your real affections lie? Col. 3:1,2
- What's involved in pleasing ourselves in the flesh is contrary to what's involved with pleasing God in the Spirit- Galatians 5:16,17

THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT OURSELVES BEFORE GOD. *Romans 3:10, 23, 12*

-Luke 16:15

-I Cor. 1:29

-Luke 18:13,14

-Sinners are sinful in the eyes of the Lord

-Our ways are not God's ways

-What we are in the flesh doesn't please God

-If we humble ourselves before God, we'll find mercy & grace in His eyes.

-If we are proud of ourselves as we are before God, & our thing in life is to do what pleases ourselves, we make ourselves contemptible in the eyes of the Lord- James 4:5,6,10

-Those who glory in pleasing themselves & serve their own desires, this glory will be their shame when they stand before God- Phil. 3:18,19

THE CHOICES: identifying with worldly fads & fashions, or that which is separate from the world in honor of Christ: Romans 12:1,2

-conformity with worldly fads & fashions is not the same thing as proving what is good, acceptable & for the honor of Christ, in His eyes. -fleshly mindedness is not the same as spiritual mindedness.

-arguments in favor of worldly conformity are arguments with the Holy Spirit, not with church leadership, cp. I Corinthians 11:14-16

THE CHOICE IS OURS: I John 2:15-17

V16. What worldly fads & fashions are all about (self, not honoring God)

-the flesh is inspired for all of this- this is what makes the world go around!

V17. When it's all gone, what will you have left?

-Will your glory become your shame?

I John 3:2,3