

Preacher's Pen
Sunday, May 7, 2006

"New Series"

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.",
(Hebrews 13:9)

Even before the death of all the apostles, folks had begun to devise doctrines under the name "christian" that did not please God. It should be no surprise, then, today to look around and find literally thousands of different doctrines, denominations, churches, and faiths.

However, this was not the will of the Christ – the Head of His one Body (Ephesians 4:4); the head of His one Church (Colossians 1:18).

Beginning with the sermon this morning, I'd like to begin a series of lessons addressing these things from a variety of different viewpoints while bringing all things into comparison with what we find written in the Word of God.

We'll begin with a brief overview of the first two thousand years of Christianity placing an emphasis on the first departures from truth as presented in the Scriptures and then on the last hundred years.

As our Eldership has seen fit to subscribe to the Spiritual Sword and encourage us to read particular the edition of this quarter, let me add my own encouragement for all to take time to read these things.

Many of us have been watching the erosion of several congregations over the last couple of decades (or longer). It is my prayer that these sermons will strengthen our resolve to remain on the straight and narrow path. Also, that as each of us is confronted by those departures that we will be better able to reply with Scripture as did our Lord, "It is written".

In Christian Love and Service,
Lyndal