

# Church Matters



# The Church: What Is Our Future?



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*“In essentials, unity;  
in non-essentials, liberty;  
in all things, charity.”*



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## 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 –

17 Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,” says the Lord. “And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you. 18 And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” says the Lord Almighty.



## **Ephesians 1:7-8 –**

**7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace **8** which He lavished on us.

## **James 1:27 –**

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **1 John 1:7 –**

but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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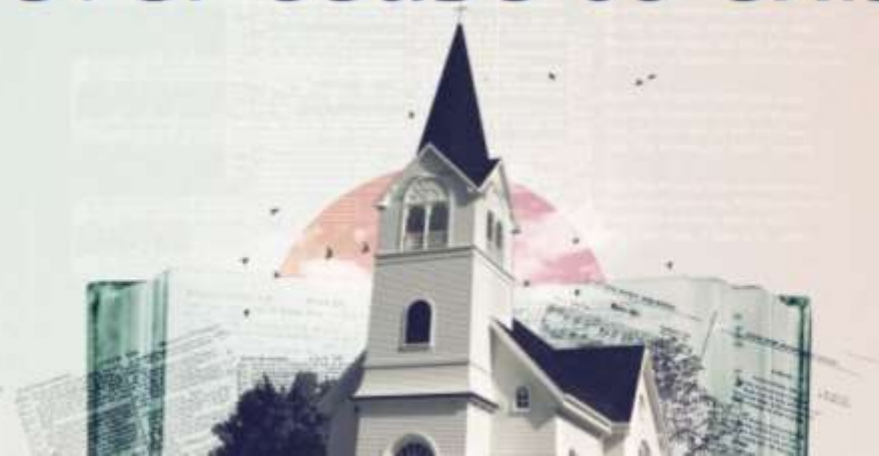


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*Since being established, the church has endured and will never cease to exist.*



# What about our future?

*The church has an ultimate,  
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## **I Thessalonians 4:16-17 –**

**16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught



up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air, and so  
we shall always be with the Lord.  
**18** Therefore comfort one another  
with these words.

## Revelation 21:1-4 –

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from

God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be

among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

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