Destroying The Church Brick By Brick

Greg Kline · Matthew 16:18

INTRODUCTION

- And I tell you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- This church, like all the others of Christ, are under full-fledged attack by the devil and his angels.
- We must separate what is of the world with what is of God. Otherwise, this church will be destroyed.

1 What Does Not Destroy the Church

1 Peter 1:22–25; Acts 8:1–4; Matthew 7:13–14

- Truth does not destroy the church. God's truth will never be destroyed.
- The only thing that the truth of God's word has destroyed is error and false doctrine and the weight and guilt of sin on our consciences.
- You have to have truth to survive persecution. And so if you have truth, persecution will not destroy.
- It doesn't matter what is lost or what is gained, as long as we stick with the truth, the church will not be destroyed.
- Being in the minority does not mean the church will be destroyed.

2 A Worldly Focus

1 Corinthians 3:1–3; 2 Timothy 4:3–4

- One obvious one, though, is a worldly focus.
- We need to be careful that we don't make this church into something that we want.
- We're enforcing worldly concepts on a spiritual organization that will destroy a church from every angle, whether from the inside or from the outside.
- If you allow that weed to grow, it will take over your yard. And so will the flesh.
- This church cannot leave the truth if we wish to be the very pillar and ground of truth that God commands us that we be.

3 An Immature Faith

1 Corinthians 3:1–3; Hebrews 5:11–14

- What also destroys is an immature faith.
- The reason a church can be destroyed by immature faith is because the teaching cannot go on if we are not growing.
- Solid food is for the mature. For those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.
- If we do not examine ourselves and grow our faith daily, this church will not grow any faster than each and every one of us will.

- Every single person in here has to grow in order for this church to do the same. If not, we will only move backwards.

4 Grumbling and Disputing

Philippians 2:14–15

- Do all things without grumbling or disputing. that you may be blameless and innocent.
- We are grumbling and disputing, and we're allowing our light to flicker off more than it's on.
- What's your mindset towards the church? Is it how can I help or how can it help me?
- Do not grumble or complain at what God has made or what God has devised.

5 Not Producing Fruit

Luke 10:2; Mark 16:15–16

- We each as members need to go out and do the work.
- The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- If this church is to be destroyed, the number one way it will is by not producing fruit.
- Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I ask you this morning, will this church stand? And ask you more importantly, if each and every member here this morning represented the South Bumby Church of Christ. Would it grow? Or would it fall? If it was on your shoulders, what would happen?**

MY NOTES