

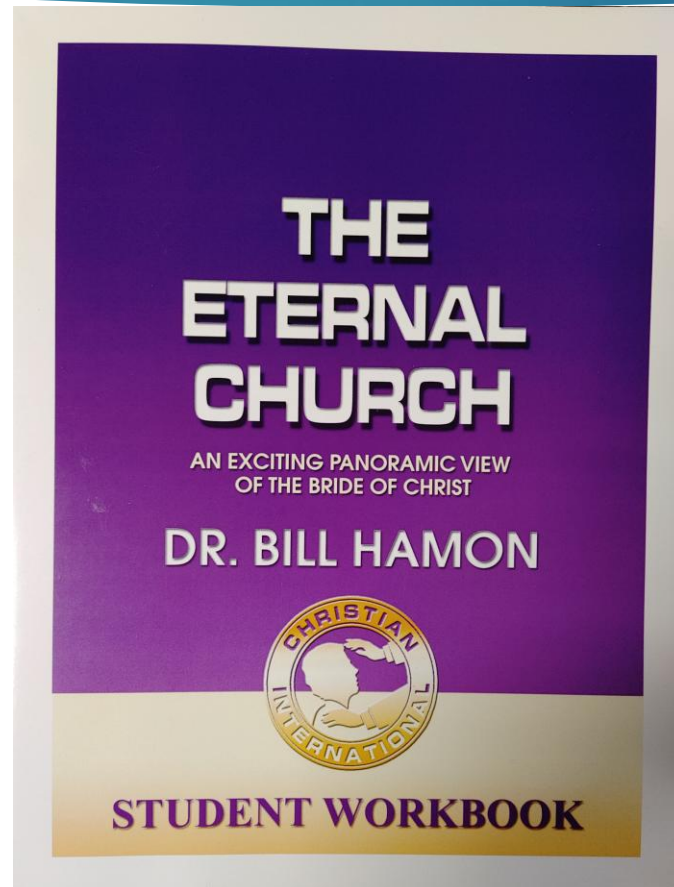
The Eternal Church

Session 4

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THE ETERNAL CHURCH



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THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH

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- A. PROVIDENTIAL PREPARATION FOR CHURCH RESTORATION
- B. 1. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S METHOD'S-
WHEN GOD GETS READY TO MAKE SOMETHING NEW, HE MAKES PREPARATION.
 - ▶ **HE PREPARES PEOPLE,**
 - ▶ **A PRODUCT AND**
 - ▶ **A PLACE TO PERPETUATE HIS PLAN.**

THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH

EXAMPLE: HE RAISES UP A MAN, WITH A MESSAGE AND A MINISTRY, WHICH PRODUCES A MOVEMENT THAT FULFILLS HIS WILL BY VARIOUS METHODS AND MEANS.

THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH

PEOPLE – PLACES- PRODUCTS

WHEN GOD THOUGHT TO BRING FORTH JESUS HE
PREPARED

PLACE- **EARTH**

PEOPLE – **ADAM & EVE**

PRODUCT – **ALL OF EARTHS CREATURES, ELEMENTS &
ATMOSPHERES.**

THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH

MAN – MEANS- MESSAGE – METHOD

IN THE DETRUCTIONOF THE WORLD BY THE FLOOD:

MAN – **NOAH WAS GOD'S MAN**

MEANS – **THE ARK**

METHOD – **WATER USED TO TAKE AWAY THE WICKED**

PLACE – **ON TOP OF THE WATER UNTIL PLANET EARTH
WAS READY**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

THE CHURCH WAS IN NEED OF DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES. IT WAS IN BONDAGE TO SUCH THINGS AS:

▶ **RELIGIOUS RITUALS**

▶ **DEAD DOCTRINES**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **ASCETICISM (THE PRACTICE OF SEVERE SELF DISCIPLINE)**
- ▶ **MONASTICISM (THE PRACTICE OF SECLUSION)**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **FEAR OF PERGATORY**
- ▶ **FEAR OF ETERNAL DAMNATION BY A WRATHFUL GOD**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

THE CHURCH WAS IN AS MUCH
BONDAGE **SPIRITUALLY** AS THE CHILDREN
OF ISRAEL WERE **PHYSICALLY**.

2. DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

3 REMINDER – HISTORY REVOLVES AROUND THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH AND ONLY THE CHURCH IS THE KEY TO AN EXPLANATION OF HISTORY. THEREFORE, HISTORY IS ONLY THE HANDMAIDEN OF THE CHURCH AND THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE BUT THE PUPPETS MANIPULATED BY GOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIS CHURCH ACTS. 12:26

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

4. RENAISSANCE – PRODUCTS THAT PRODUCED

AWAKENED EUROPEANS TO A NEW INTEREST IN LITERATURE, ART, AND SCIENCE. THIS STIRRED WITHIN THEM A DESIRE TO DEPART FROM IGNORANCE, SUPERSTITION AND RELIGIOUS DETERMINATION.

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

5. PROVIDENTIAL PRODUCTION OF PRINTING

A. PRINTING PRESS – **WAS A KEY PRODUCT THAT MADE THE PROTESTANT MOVEMENT POSSIBLE**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

6. INVENTIONS OF TRAVEL & COMMUNICATION – **THESE INVENTIONS WERE PROVIDENTIALLY BROUGHT FORTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING AND PROCLAIMING NEW TRUTHS OF EACH MOVEMENT.**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

EXAMPLES:

PRINTING PRESS

RADIO AIRPLANE

LOCOMOTIVE

AUTOMOBILE

TELEVISION

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

7. PRACTICES THAT PROVOKED

A. INDULGENCES- THE SPARK THAT IGNITED THE FULL OF GREAT RESTORATION. INDULGENCES WERE PARDONS GRANTED SO ONE WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO THRU PENTANCE.

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

7B. **PENANCE** – IN THE DARK AGES,
PENANCE REPLACED ‘TRUE REPENTANCE’.
PENANCE CAN BE DEFINED AS THE METHOD
WHERE BY THE CHRISTIAN COULD ATONE
FOR AND REMOVE THE PUNISHMENT DUE
HIM FOR HIS/HER SIN BY:

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**
- ▶ **GOOD WORKS**
- ▶ **SELF DENIAL**
- ▶ **MORTIFYING THE FLESH BY AFFLICTING PUNISHMENT UPON HIMSELF**
- ▶ **BY SPECIAL DECREES OR REQUIREMENT OF THE CHURCH**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

7C. PRINCES AND KINGS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WERE MADE MORE RECEPTIVE TO THE MESSAGE OF THE REFORMERS BECAUSE THEY WERE TIRED OF THE SUPREME POWER OF THE POPE IN THE AFFAIRS OF STATE AND IN THE CHURCH.

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8. FORERUNNERS OF THE “PERIOD OF THE GREAT RESTORATION” – MEN, MESSAGES & MOVEMENTS

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8A. THERE WERE **SEVERAL MEN AND MOVEMENTS** WHO SOUGHT TO REFORM THE CHURCH FROM THE 12TH CENTURY UNTIL THE TIME OF THE REFORMATION.

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPAL-MANY MEN NEVER SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR REVELATION AND PREACHING, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE AHEAD OF THEIR TIME.

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8B. THE ALBIGENSES MOVEMENT- THIS MOVEMENT GREW IN THE 12TH CENTURY IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, IT'S MEMBERS:

- ▶ **REPUDIATED THE AUTHORITY OF TRADITION**
- ▶ **CIRCULATED THE NEW TESTAMENT**
- ▶ **OPPOSED THE CHURCH DOCTRINES OF PURGATORY, IMAGE WORSHIP AND PRIESTLY CLAIMS**

DELIVERED FROM THE DARK AGES

8C. THE WALDENSIANS MOVEMENT-STARTED BY PETER WALDO, A RICH MERCHANT IN LYONS. HE DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS WENT AROUND PREACHING IN SIMPLE GARMENTS AND CIRCULATED THE SCRIPTURES

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8C. HIS GROUP

- ▶ **DENIED THE POWER AND FORCE OF THE MASS**
- ▶ **DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF PURGATORY**
- ▶ **REVIVED THE DONATIST ATTITUDE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND BELIEF IN BAPTISMAL REGENERATION**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8D. THE JOHN WYCLIFFE MOVEMENT – **HE WAS THE MORNING STAR THAT SHONE BRIGHTEST BEFORE THE REFORMATION. AS A HIGH OFFICIAL IN ENGLAND HE:**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **PROVIDED A NEW PROCLAMATION OF THE PURE GOSPEL, ACKNOWLEDGING THE BIBLE AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH**
- ▶ **DECLARED THAT CHRIST, NOT THE POPE, WAS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **REJECTED THE DOCTRINE OF INFALLIBILITY OF EITHER POPE OR COUNCIL**
- ▶ **HELD THAT PAPAL DECREES OR PROUCEMENTS HAS AUTHORITY SO FAR AS THEY WERE IN HARMONY WITH SCRIPTURE**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8D. JOHN WYCLIFF MOVEMENT

- ▶ **DECLARED THAT THE CLERGY WAS NOT TO BE LORDS OVER THE FLOCK BUT WERE TO BE SERVANTS**
- ▶ **ATTACKED THE PARASITIC FRIARS AND THE SYSTEM OF MONASTICISM**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **WROTE AGAINST THE DOCTRINE OF “TRANS-SUBSTANTIATION” (THE BELIEF THAT IN THE MASS THE BREAD AND WINE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE ACTUAL BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS)**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

- ▶ **8D- URGED THAT THE CHURCH SERVICE BE MADE MORE SIMPLE.**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

HIS GREATEST WORK WAS HIS TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE FROM THE VULGATE (LATIN), TO ENGLISH THE SAME YEAR HE DIED.

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

8D. THE JOHN HUSS MOVEMENT –
**BELIEVED AND PREACHED ALL THE
TEACHINGS OF WYCLIFF. HE TAUGHT
THAT ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SIN AND
DEFINED THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF
CHRIST.**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

**8E. GIROLAMO SAVONROLA- (1454-98)
ROSE UP AS A VOICE OF REFORM IN
ITALY. HE PREACHED AGAINST SIN AND
CORRUPTION IN COMMONERS,
GOVERNMENT, CLERGY AND THE PAPAL
OFFICE.**

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

9. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PREPARATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REFORMATION

A. THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE TO MOHAMMED II IN 1453

BATTLE FOR CONSTANTINOPLE



DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

9B. PRINTING MARKED THE END OF MASS IGNORANCE

C. GUNPOWDER ENDED THE USEFULNESS OF KNIGHTS AND REVOLUTIONIZED WARFARE STRATEGY.

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DARK AGES

9D. THE COMPASS PUT AN END TO MAN'S LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT UNKNOWN LANDS.

E. GREAT ADVANCEMENT IN UNDERSTANDING THE EARTH, SCIENCE, RELIGION AND GOVERNMENTS.

DELIVERENCE FROM THE DARK AGES

10. ESCHATOLOGICAL CONFUSION-1ST MILLENIUM CHRISTIANS WERE JUST AS CONVINCED THAT THE COMING OF THE LORD WOULD TAKE PLACE BY THE YEAR 1000 JUST AS **PRESENT DAY CHRISTIANS ARE CONVINCED IT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE 2ND MILLENIUM.**

PRINTING PRESS HELPED SPREAD THE GOSPEL





NEXT WEEK

**SCRIPTURAL EXAMINATION
OF CHURCH RESTORATION**