



# Northside Proclaimer

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1 Thessalonians 1:8

**Northside Church Of Christ Welcomes You!**

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## **“The Unplanned Church” Part One**

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We’re studying the doctrine of Premillennialism, a religious error that teaches Jesus is not reigning on David’s throne because He failed to set up His kingdom due to the rejection of the Jews. However, Premillennialists teach Jesus will return and rapture the church and rule on the literal throne of David in His kingdom in Jerusalem (all of which we have previously refuted). If you have not read any of the previous articles in this series, I would encourage you do so.

In his book, "Things To Come," Premillennialist Dwight Pentecost states, “[b]ecause the nation has rejected Him, the Lord announces the severance of every natural tie by which He was to bound to the nation (Matt. 12:46-50). From this announcement of the Lord concerning the rejection of the nation, definite movement may be traced in the withdrawal of the offer of the kingdom... [because of this, Christ] announces the inception of an entirely new, unheralded, and unexpected program — the church (Matt. 16:13-20)” (Pentecost, Dwight. Things To Come. First Grand Rapids: Dunham Publishing Company, 1958. Print. (quoted in Miller, Rodney. The Lion And The Lamb On Planet Earth. Orlando, FL: Miller Publications, 1981. Print.)).

It is true that the Jews rejected Christ. The issue is, however, it wasn’t an “oh, I didn’t see that coming” kind of moment for God. The rejection was centuries foretold and their rejection was the fulfillment (see Psalm 118:22; Matt. 21:33-46). The Jews rejected Jesus because He did not offer them what they truly wanted, an earthly kingdom. Jesus taught His kingdom was not of this world (cf. John 6:15; 18:36; Luke 17:20-21). The leaders, chief priests and Sanhedrin, rejected Jesus because He claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God. They considered this blasphemy and insurrection (Matt. 26:57-68). Due to their rejection, they ultimately lost all special privileges as God’s people (cf. Matt. 21:43). *Continued on back....*

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## Announcements

- Sister Sharon lost her home to a fire. Please contact her to find out what she needs and pray for her family
- Remember John Blair
- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Men's Bible today, 3:30 PM
- Teen's Bible study / Kid's drill next week
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.
- Bible study this Tuesday 7 PM; Dane Bryan's house; ask Bryan Garlock for details
- Coming soon: Young family / couples' Bible study
- Remember the spiritual sick among us

It is not true that the church was "plan b." As shown above, Premillennialists believe the church that Christ built was an accident. It was unplanned and unexpected. Since Christ was "unable to set up His kingdom," He instead "had to" set up what we "play" each Sunday, the church. Indeed, this "was a surprise to God."

There are two truths Premillennialists must pervert to maintain their doctrine. One, the church was prophesied and promised thus demonstrating the church to be planned and two, the church and the kingdom are essentially the same thing. We will be developing these two points over the next few weeks. However, before we dive deep into the passages that refute their claims, let's first notice what the Scriptures teach about the church that belongs to Christ.

Jesus promised that He would build His church (Matt. 16.18). This wasn't just any promise, but rather a relationship between Christ and His body, the church (cf. Col. 1.18). As individuals came, and come, to Christ, He adds them to His church (Acts 2.47). Paul penned, "I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11.2). After spending time imparting counsel about the husband and wife relationship, Paul reveals, "This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church" (see Eph. 5.22-33).

Jesus' love for His bride was enough to give His life for her (Eph. 5.25). In this, He shed His own precious blood to obtain her (Acts 20.28). As her Husband, He is her head and is himself her savior (Eph. 1.22-23; 5.23). As His bride she submits, in word and deed, to Him (Eph. 5.24).

Of this blood-bought church, the Holy Spirit appoints men to care for and to watch over the flock (Acts 20.28; Heb. 13.17). These pastors, as well as evangelist and teachers are set forth to build up the church in its local sense (Eph. 4.11). The church is instructed to worship in Spirit and in truth (John 4.24), requirements of true worshippers (John 4.23; cf. John 9.31). As her individual members practice pure and undefiled religion, she is pure and undefiled and unstained from the world (cf. James 1.27).

The Scriptures present the church of Christ as a masterpiece from heaven. It is a shame so many have rendered the church [for which Christ went to the cross for] a surprise to the Godhead. It ought to make us appreciate how powerful religious error is, it can truly twist the most beautiful messages found within God's Word. BG