

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. Three major categories of Kingdom!
2. Most believers in the early church held to CHILIASM.
From Greek word for 1,000 which occurs 6X in Rev. 20:1-7 (the old way of saying Premillennialism: Christ will return to estab. His earthly Kingdom).
3. The church began to WANDER from the truth about the nature of God's Kingdom. The rise of Supersessionism | Replacement Theo.

MODERN CONTROVERSIAL TEACHINGS

1. _____ . It means "no millennium".
 - A. What they believe . . .
The thousand years in Rev. 20 describe the indefinite time between the 1st & 2nd Advents of Christ. The church is the Kingdom of God.
 - B. What they deny . . .
They deny that the Millennium is a future, earthly Kingdom that begins when Jesus returns. The church currently is the Kingdom of God.
 - C. One of the major problems with this view is that the 2nd Coming recorded in Rev. 19 precedes the 1,000 yrs. of chapter 20.
Solution: _____ view of Revelation.
2. _____ .
The Second Coming of Christ occurs after the Millennium of Revelation 20.
 - A. Daniel Whitby (pub. 1703) and Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758).
Throughout 1800s this view dominated evangelicalism in America.
 - B. Basic thrust: the church will eventually succeed in evangelizing a large part of the world's population, thereby Christianizing a majority of the world's institutions.
 - C. Historical reality caused postmillennialism to decline in the 20th century after two world wars and the Holocaust.
 - D. A resurgence of postmillennialism in the middle of the 20th century: "Reconstructionism" or "_____"

3. _____.

A resurgence of this position took place after the Reformation. At the present time among American Bible-believing Christians, Premillennialism is the prevalent view on the Kingdom.

Not all premillennial positions are identical in the details.

A. _____ premillennialism

- a posttribulation Rapture of the church; - a downplaying of the future for national Israel; - the church as the "new Israel".

B. _____ premillennialism

A literal, grammatical-historical interpretation of the Bible undergirds the dispensational understanding of the Bible.

4. _____ / _____ - _____

A popular view; the Messianic Kingdom is both now and in the future. The "already" part is the present time; the "not yet" is when Jesus returns & consummates the Kingdom.

5. _____ Theology or "Dominionism"

- Found in some charismatic circles.
- Proponents are not necessarily postmillennial.
- Involves the use supernatural sign-gifts & extrabiblical revelation given to new apostles and prophets who lead the movement.
- They hope to Christianize society in preparation for the Lord's return.
- The greatest problem: nowhere does the Bible teach Christians to prepare for the coming of the Lord by conquering society.

6. _____

- Early 1900's, a great controversy erupted over "social gospel".
- Today, a reappearance under the guise of "social _____"
- Social actions should not rise to the same level of importance as the gospel of eternal life.
- Good deeds, no matter how well intentioned, do not save a soul and give a home in heaven.
- The primary function of the church is to proclaim the gospel of eternal life and teach the whole counsel of God (Mt. 28:19-20)
- One issue is overlooked. The greatest social-justice concern is really _____ - _____.