

SESSION 31

REVELATION

3:7-13

(DOCTRINAL APPLICATION, PART 1)

THE LAST SESSION IN 10 TWEETS

1. Before entering the Philadelphia Period of history (1500-1900) there's a few key men in the Sardis Period we need to talk about. #WordStrong
2. These were the key men who lived in the Sardis Period (1000-1500), who were instrumental in bringing about the Reformation. #WordStrong
3. John Wycliffe (1320-1384) of England, known as the Morning Star of the Reformation (Rev. 2:28), translated the 1st English Bible. #WordStrong
4. Wycliffe trained 100s of young men known as Lollards ("babblers"), who were sent throughout England preaching the Word of God. #WordStrong
5. Wycliffe was so despised by the Catholic Church, 44 years after his death, Pope Clement VIII ordered his body exhumed & burned. #WordStrong
6. Through the preaching of the Lollards, John Huss (1371-1415) of Bohemia, a Catholic priest, was reached with the Gospel. #WordStrong
7. Through the preaching of John Huss, almost all of Bohemia (which is the modern-day Czech Republic) was won to Christ. #WordStrong
8. Martin Luther (1483-1546) of Germany read Romans 1:17 ("the just shall live by faith"), and was converted to Christ. #WordStrong
9. Luther is famous for his "95 Theses" nailed to the Wittenberg door, and, of course, the formation of the Lutheran Church. #WordStrong
10. Other Reformers: John Calvin (Presbyterian Church); John Knox (Church of Scotland); Henry VIII (Anglican/Church of England). #WordStrong

GETTING OUR BEARINGS ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH PERIOD

- ◆ Most people think that the key to the Philadelphian Church Period was the _____.

 - The Reformation played a _____ in it...
And even an _____ part!
Just not the _____ most Christians think it had!

- ◆ If as far back as you go in your understanding and study of church history is the _____...
You're going to be in _____ in these last days!

 - The whole "Prayer of Jesus For Unity" thing in John 17...
 - * John 17:21–
 - * 1 Corinthians 12:13–
 - * John 17:21–
 - * John 7:16–
 - * Titus 1:9–
 - * 1 Timothy 6:3–
 - * 1 Timothy 6:5–
 - The Roman Catholic Church is changing its clothes right now to give the appearance of "_____."
 * When denominations that came out of the RCC during the Reformation believe that the "_____ Church" (Rev. 17:5) has been "_____, " you'll start seeing them "head home to _____!"
 * Statement in the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, September 19, 1987, "Religion" page: "It's time for _____ to go to the shepherd [the Pope] and say, 'What do we have to do to come _____?'"
 Robert Schuller, Pastor, Garden Grove Community Church
 * Rick Warren on Roman Catholicism after his November 2014 visit to the Vatican: "We have more in _____ than what _____ us."
 * *Christianity Today*, December 2014 issue: "Why Everyone Loves The Pope."

- ◆ The problem with the "Reformers" and the "Reformation" was just _____!

 - They were seeking a "Reformation" of the Roman Catholic Church, when the answer was a _____ and a _____ of its works-based salvation and other damnable doctrines —and an _____ of Bible Christianity...which begins with _____!

- ◆ Understanding and Identifying the Two Lines That Emerge Out of the Book of Acts.

 - The Line Out of Antioch. (Of Syria)
 - * One of the first _____ was from Antioch. (Acts 6:1–5)
 - * The first great Gentile _____ was in Antioch. (Acts 11:19–21)
 - * The disciples were first called _____ in Antioch. (Acts 11:26)

- * The first Bible _____ were in the church in Antioch. (Acts 13:1)
- * The first _____ were sent out of the church in Antioch. (Acts 13:2–3)

- The Line Out of Alexandria, Egypt.

- * Alexandrians were part of the group who _____ with Stephen. (Acts 6:9–15)
- * Alexandria is connected to _____ Bible teaching. (Acts 18:24–26; 19:1–5)
- * It is a _____ from Alexandria that takes Paul to ROME, and his ultimate _____. (Acts 27:6; 28:11)

Note: The line traced out of Alexandria, runs right through _____...right through the _____, and right through the _____.

- ▶ Revelation 2:9–
- ▶ Revelation 2:14–
- ▶ Revelation 2:15–
- ▶ Revelation 2:20–
- ▶ Revelation 17:1–
- ▶ Revelation 17:5–
- ▶ Revelation 17:3–

◆ When the line out of Alexandria began to deviate, there is an unbroken line of Bible believers who would not “defile their garments” (Rev. 3:4) by becoming a part of the Roman Catholic Church, or embrace her doctrines.

An Unbroken Line of Bible-Believing Christians (Never A Part of the RCC)	
Montanists:	150–600 A.D. (Priscillianists)
Novatians:	250–600 A.D. (Waldenses and Fratricelli later)
Donatists:	300–800 A.D. (Vaudois, Waldenses)
Euchites & Messalines:	300–800 A.D. (Bulgarians, Manichaeans)
Nestorians:	490–1000 A.D.
Paulicians:	600–1200 A.D. (Bulgarians, Manichaeans, Nestorians, Lyonists)
Bogomiles:	800–1200 A.D. (Waldenses, Albigenses, Cathari, Picards)
Cathari:	1200–1500 A.D. (Albigenses, Waldenses, New Manichaeans, Henricians, Petrobusians, Lollards, Hussites)
Waldenses:	1200–1700 A.D. (Baptists, Anabaptists, Cathari)
Anabaptists:	1400– 1700 A.D.(Baptists, Protestants, Hussites, Brethren, Mennonites)
Baptists:	1600–Present (Separatists, Dispensationalists, Fundamentalists, Norrisites)

THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH PERIOD (Rev. 3:7–13)

1. COMMISSION (Rev. 3:7a)

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write;”

- This letter represents the period of time from approximately _____ to _____.
- The name “Philadelphia” means “_____.”
- A brief explanation of this period of history...

It is really nothing more than the _____ Bible that had been translated from the manuscripts that are traced back to Antioch getting into the hands of those who were genuinely born again—and them obeying that Book, by taking it to the ends of the earth.

Whereas, in the Thyatira and Sardis Church Periods, through the domination of the Roman Catholic Church, the Bible was taken out of the hands of the common man—thrusting the world into utter _____...The entrance of the Bible into the world, and into the hands of the common man during the Philadelphian Church Period thrust the world into blazing _____. (Psalm 119:130)

2. CHARACTER. (Rev. 3:7b)

“These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;”

- *“These things saith he that is HOLY...”*
- *“These things saith he that is TRUE...”*
- *“These things saith he that hath the KEY of DAVID...”*