

The Assembly Incomplete Message

by William MacDonald

William MacDonald emphasizes the significance of Christ's deity and the value of God's assembly in the believer's life.

Duration: 37:28

Scripture: Psalm 126:5, Proverbs 14:13, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 5:14, Colossians 1:14-15, Colossians 1:25

Topics: "Incomplete Message"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of going back to the simplicity of the message of the Gospel while being open to changing methods. He uses the example of cereal companies improving their sales by improving the packaging rather than the product itself. The speaker also highlights the significance of the church in the New Testament and encourages listeners to prioritize the assembly in their lives. He emphasizes the need for Christians to be willing to adapt their methods while staying true to the unchanging message of the Gospel.

Transcript

But also underline whom the father has sanctified and sent into the world That's the difference that's only true of the unique son of God And now we must go on because the time is slipping and I do want to give two more verses That are used by the enemy of souls in an effort to disprove the deity of Christ and one of them is in Colossians chapter 1 and verse 15 Colossians chapter 1 and verse I think I'll begin in verse 14 It's speaking about the Lord Jesus and it says in whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sin Who is the image of the invisible God the firstborn of every creature and they pounce on that and they say there it is The firstborn of every creature sure we admit that he was the first one Just a created being like all the rest of us and you say well, how do you answer that look like that doesn't it? Well, you can answer it from the chapter itself by showing that the Lord Jesus is the architect of creation He was the active agent in creation and he's the object of creation All things are made in him and by him and to him But there's another proof and the proof revolved around the word firstborn What does the word firstborn mean it has two distinct meanings in the Bible Sometimes it means first as to time and Sometimes it means first as to rank. Let me give you a verse where it means first as to time Matthew chapter 1 verse 25 says that Mary Brought forth her firstborn child. That means he was the first child she had But then for a verse showing that it means first in rank turn back to Psalm 89 27 Psalm 89 27 and I like this it says Speaking of David also, I will make him my firstborn Higher than the kings of the earth.

So this verse is self-explanatory It has nothing to do with time at all David wasn't firstborn son David was the lastborn son of Jesse, but God said I will make him my firstborn What does it mean means higher than the kings of the earth? It has to do with rank not as to order in time And that's exactly what the expression in Colossians chapter 1 means. He's the firstborn Over all creation He holds that rank the architect the ancient and the object of all creation I think we have the same thought in Romans chapter 8 and verse 29 Romans chapter 8 and verse 29 it says For whom he did foreknow He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son that he might be the firstborn Among many brothers has nothing to do with the order of birth in time But it certainly has to do with rank the Lord Jesus holds that unique type firstborn Among many brethren and so in the margin of my Bible, I think of that place. I was put down 89 27 and Romans 8:29 for a ready record One final verse used by the adversary to disprove the beauty of Christ's revelation chapter 3 and verse 14 says And under the angel of the church of the Laodiceans Right these things that the Amen the faithful and true witness the beginning of the creation of God And they like that expression the beginning of the creation of God As they say well part of the creation of God is the created being that beginning has another me He's the beginning of the creation of God in the sense that he originated it Not that he's a part of it But that he's the one who began it who brought it into being the word is used in two other places in The book of Revelation and in neither of those does it mean what they say it means Revelation chapter 21 and verses 6 and 7 And he said unto me it is done I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end What does that mean? That mean what they say it means.

No, this is speaking of God I Am the first of the Lord Jesus the beginning of the end. I will give unto him That is the first of the fountain of the water of life free And then it says in Revelation chapter 22 and verse 13 I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end the first and the last he's the originator of all and He's the object of all it all fine It's heading up in him and so in Revelation chapter 3 when it says the beginning of the creation of God There's no suggestion at all that the Lord Jesus is a part of the creation of God Who actually did bring it into being now, this is most important what we've been going over tonight is a Great importance for young people especially going out with the gospel of redeeming grace to the last world I want to tell you if the truth of Who he is? Really grips our souls We will have a true Caesarea Philippi and no matter how dark the pathway ahead may be We'll know we're on the winning side We'll know that his cause can never fail if we go out and our souls are resting in the truth of who he is and What he has done for us The pathway may lead to fire and high water, but it won't make a bit of difference We'll know that beyond the fire and the high water Lies in glory That's exactly what happened at Caesarea Philippi He said to them who the men say that you are and they said well, they say that you're one of a series That's what they say Just one of a series and he said men will never die men would never die for me under those circumstances He said I want some people who live and die for me Who do you say that I am and it was a great revelation I believe at that moment to the soul of Peter and the others me that I know who you are You're Christ the son of the Living God and the Lord Jesus has said my teaching ministry now with you has reached its Have you really believe it then no matter what the pathway ahead may hold. I'm going up to Jerusalem I'm going to be delivered up to the priests and and they're going to have me crucified and slain I'm gonna rise again the third day and I want to tell you he said there's something you're standing here will not take Death till they see the kingdom of God shortly after that He took them up into a high mountain and they saw Jesus Transfigured in the glory of his coming kingdom That's the secret difference an appreciation of who he is Then the pathway ahead may be ever so rugged but beyond the glory of Jesus It's all worthwhile may the Spirit of God write these truths on our hearts Give us a deep appreciation of the loveliness and worthiness the absolute beauty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it'll transform our lives.

It'll transfigure us and send us forth with a blazing Chariot, I wish with all my heart that those books all the time And that's what I'd like to speak to you about the fact and before we does the assembly is God's Assembly, this is what I'd really like to think about with you The chapter in Ephesians chapter 3 where I was made him in many ways the most privileged made up of all And ultimately would head up a Redeemed bride love something wonderful. They were really as marvelous when you stop to think of it the center of the over And I'd like to suggest as we read in verse Something that was never known and I'd like to suggest it isn't taboo among us praise God I believe not only the inspiration you're not building with God and your marching They were really enthusiastic about what else does he say? And There are other books added Fortunately, I read and say how do they do that? I often think of that little attempt wonderful thing to see he said upon God's death I'll break it in verse 20 a bigger human. I'm gonna just share that is the fullness of Him and marvelous grace that you and I all in all I tell you I wouldn't believe these things and not only the body of Christ but Christ also and I try to the weakest assembly Of God's people means more to him than the greatest Empire in the world He said oh brother our assemblies of four weeks struggling.

Thank you. I believe and I mean Remember the weakest the elder doesn't have more glamor to God and it's just about his honor but I really as I stand before you in our service and organization, but we have a Or an empire building up now that brings me to say that we live in a tremendous and the books are coming Movement towards the house, but I'd like to suggest just a few things to you and I believe that we should Get away from this Carol, but in that sense

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