

The Christian's 'Great Reset'

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We are living in changing times. Unbeknownst to most people, 'social engineers' without faith in God or His Word want to shape our future. What does the future bode for Christians? We who are used to freedom of worship must prepare ourselves to stand strong when trials come.

Introduction to Series

- A look back to Schaeffer's *How Should We Then Live?*
- A look at developments in our day
- A lesson from the history of Christianity in China
- A time for strength as we face a spiritual battle

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- The world that is being planned for you
- Keep God on the throne of your life
Galatians 2.20 – Crucified, but living: Live by faith!

Romans 12.1-2 – Don't conform; Be transformed!



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1. History is a great teacher! Biblical history, in particular, records the root of rebellion against God, by Satan. Although there is no narrative account of the event, two Scripture passages expose the motivations behind this seminal event. Read Isaiah 14.12-15 and Ezekiel 28.11-19. What reflections of Satan's hubris, arrogance, and self-exaltation can you see in biblical and human history?
2. Genesis 11.1-9 is the account of the building of the Tower of Babel and God's judgment on that generation. What explicit command of God did that generation disobey (see Gen. 9.1)? What do you think motivated them to build the tower? What does God's assessment of their potential reveal about human endeavors, and our desire to be self-sufficient *apart from God*? How is God's grace shown in Him confusing the languages at Babel, and thus scattering people over the whole earth?
3. What evidences of rebellion against God's authority, and biblical truth, do you see in popular trends, political correctness, and other contemporary events today? What is behind our drift away from moral, ethical, and social teachings based in Scripture?
4. Christians are literally members of 'two worlds': We have physical life in this physical world, and we have spiritual life in the spiritual world to which we have been born through faith in Jesus Christ. Scripture describes us as being members of a 'holy nation' (1 Pet. 2.9-10) – our truest 'citizenship' is our eternal home in heaven, and we are 'ambassadors for Christ' here on earth (2 Cor. 5.20). How should this 'spiritual reality' impact our present lives?
5. Colossians 3.3 is a clear statement of our 'new self' as a Christian: *You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God*. If that is our true identity, how should it affect your life? When the world is pressing us to disregard or abandon faith, how should we respond? What do passages like Galatians 2.20 and Romans 12.1-2 teach us?