## Eschatology

1. Introduction
   1. Eschatology is the study of last things
   2. Why teach on eschatology
      1. A few reasons
      2. First it is an important subject
         1. Much of the New Testament is about this subject
         2. RC Sproul says that it is forty percent
         3. If the Word of God spends so much time on the subject
         4. We have a duty to consider it and understand it
         5. It is important to us
         6. For obvious reasons
            * We tend to consider the book of Revelation to be the book of eschatology
            * Revelation 1:3

Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

* + 1. Also is that there are mutliple views
       1. People act like there are four views
       2. But when you get down to details
       3. There are actually a lot more views than that
       4. As elders, we recognize that there are multiple views within the church
       5. But as we deal with passages like the rest of Isaiah
       6. There are certain eschatological issues that we need to deal with
       7. And it is important that people understand our perspective
       8. It is important to understand how our understanding of eschatology leads to the intrepretation that it gives
    2. Another reason that we decided to speak on the issue
       1. Is that our position became much firmer as we went through Matthew
       2. But many of you did not walk through Matthew with us
       3. By Matthew 25
          - Most of the church had come to the same position on eschatology
          - We are not saying that you need to hold to our position
          - But what I am saying is that our position was arrived at through dealing with Scripture week after week
          - That was talking about these things
          - It was part of the mercy of God
          - That the preaching of the word
          - Clarifies positions and changes them
       4. But that was three years ago
          - Many of you are new to the church since that time
          - So we thought it was an important thing to bring greater clarity to the church
          - And hopefully greater unity

That unity is not dependent upon you embracing our position

It is dependent upon us all working to understand what God has said to us

And as we have a greater understanding of what God has spoken to us

We will have greater unity

It doesn’t mean that there are not many faithful teachers that hold other positions

* + - * + By understanding our position
        + And we want to discuss it with those who have other positions
        + Not to fixate on eschatology
        + But so that we all have a better understanding
        + What we do not want is for this church to sit around discussing eschatology
        + Rather than doing what are the clear commands of Christ
        + But all theology effects how we live our lives

And eschatology does as well

* + 1. Another reason
       1. Is that hermeneutics
          - How to handle scripture is very tied up into eschatology
       2. We have a certain hermenuetic that we want to stand firmly upon
          - It is the hermenuetic that the reformers held to
          - And it drives interpretation of scripture
       3. It is easy for us to say we are in one of the camps
          - Better to describe them as camps rather than positions
          - Because each of them have significant variations within them
          - But instead of people saying

I’m premillenial

I’m amillenial

Or identify with any position

We want people to actually handle the scriptures

* + - * + Handle them faithfully according to rules of interpretation
      1. Some of the rules of interpretation that are applicable to eschatology
         * Scripture interprets scripture

Do not impose your understanding of the world

To drive the meaning of a text

* + - * + The words are important

Read the actual words that are written

Rather than an interpretation of them

Obviously better in the Greek and Hebrew

But often positions are contrary to the actual words that are written

* + - * + Clearer passages interpret more vague passages
        + Passages that are speaking to a issue are more directly

Should be understood first

* + - * + Revelation was progressive

Meaning that when Revelation was given to us

It was not given as a stand alone book

It was given to a people that had most if not all of the other books of the bible

* + - * + Texts should be interpreted in context
        + Texts should be handled according to their literary genre

Psalms should be interpreted differently than didactic teaching

Prophesy should be treated differently than narrative

* + - * + All texts must be harmonized

If our interpretation is contradicted by another verse

We need to fix our interpretation

1. Views
   1. Let me give a brief overview of the various camps
      1. I’m going to split it into five
      2. Many split it into four
         1. But I think the split in the amillenial is significant enough that it shoul be two seperate views
      3. But I’m giving just an overview
      4. There are many details that could be added to any of them
      5. They are categorized by when Christ returns verse the glorious millenial reign of Christ
   2. Dispensational premillenialism
      1. Things will get worse and worse in the world
      2. Until the first resurrection (the rapture)
         1. I Thessalonians 4:16-17
            * For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
      3. Then seven years of tribulation happens
         1. Then there is another bodily resurrection
         2. Of those who survived the tribulation so that they can rule in heaven
            * Revelation 20:4
      4. That establishes the millenial kingdom with Christ physically ruling on earth
      5. After the millenial kingdom
         1. There will be another resurrection of the saints
         2. Finally there will be a resurrection of the wicked
      6. These four resurrections
         1. Some go as many as seven
      7. But a major aspect of this view is that the church age is not a continuation of redemptive history
         1. As much as a parenthesis
         2. The world is about Israel
         3. But Christ needed a bride
         4. So God did these other things for a while with the church
         5. Until His son has a bride and then He will get back to His main agenda
      8. There are many problems with this view
         1. But one of the most basic is what Jesus Christ taught
         2. John 5:28-29
            * Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
         3. Gnostic
            * Requires additional knowledge to come up with this scenario
            * Vast disagreements about timeline
   3. Historic Premillenialism
      1. Chiliasm
         1. Meaning a thousand years
      2. Doesn’t hold to the idea of the parenthesis
         1. Holds that the OT prophesies were talking about the church
      3. Two resurrections
         1. First resurrection of the saints
         2. Comes after the tribulation
         3. The saints then rule with Christ for a thousand years
         4. After that kingdom
            * Then comes the resurrection of the wicked
            * And there punishment
         5. Revelation 20:4-6
            * And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
         6. This view says that both the first and the second resurrection are bodily resurrections
         7. Instead of the first being spritual
            * And the second being bodily
      4. Problems
         1. John 5 – One resurrection
   4. Modern Amillenialism
      1. Splits the spiritual from the physical
      2. We see the world around us getting worse
         1. But there are many promises in scripture
         2. And we have seen them over and over again in Isaiah of the blossoming of the dessert
         3. Split the kingdom into two parts
         4. In heaven
            * The number of the saints just keeps increasing as people are saved
            * So that that kingdom is expanding
         5. But Jesus Christ reign on earth is failing
            * That won’t succeed until He comes in person
            * At the end of the age
            * And then He will judge the wicked
            * The millenial reign refers to Christ’s eternal reign
      3. Problems
         1. Rejects the authority of Christ in this world
         2. Matthew 28:18
            * And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
         3. Matthew 16:18
            * And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
   5. Historical Amillenialism
      1. Compatible with the Second London Baptist Confession (and Westminster)
         1. Widely held view when the confessions were written
      2. Christ is currently ruling
         1. The saints are currently ruling
         2. Revelation 5:9-10
            * And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."
         3. The kingdom is being conquered
         4. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church
         5. The church is being cleansed (Ephessians 5 and being prepared for the bridegroom)
      3. Tribulation happened at the establishment of the kingdom
         1. Referencing the judgment that came upon the Jews for rejecting Christ
         2. Which the Old Testament clearly foretold
         3. Deuteronomy 32:40-43
            * For I raise My hand to heaven, And say, "As I live forever, If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me. I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the heads of the leaders of the enemy." ' "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people."
         4. (Deu 32:40-43)
      4. Problems
         1. Our culture has been decaying
            * Doesn’t feel like the church has been given rule
   6. Postmillenialism
      1. Rather new view
      2. But I think it is also compatible with our confession
      3. Very similar to historical amillenialism
      4. With the exception
         1. That the there will be a glorous millenial reign
         2. It will be the thousand years before Christ returns
         3. Where Christ is in heaven and the church is reigning on the earth
2. Consider some of the conclusions that we came to through studying Matthew
   * 1. Let forget the titles
     2. And actually consider the promises of God
     3. Let’s hold to the things that we know
   1. The church replaces Israel as the visible people of God
      1. Matthew 21:33-45
         1. "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him.* "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE. THIS WAS THE LORD'S DOING, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES' ? "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.
      2. They knew that He was talking about them
         1. The chief priests were losing their position
         2. It was being given to another
      3. The language is that the gospel will be given to another nation
         1. Dispensationalism says that it will be returned to Israel
      4. Acts 2:14-21
         1. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS. AND ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS; AND THEY SHALL PROPHESY. I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD. AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'
      5. Sun was turned into darkness
         1. Prophetic language is not to be interpreted literally
   2. Much of the language of tribulation is related to the Judgment on Israel for killing the Christ
      1. Matthew 23:34-36
         1. Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.
      2. Matthew 24:21-34
         1. For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days. "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, 'Look, *He is* there!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand. "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.
   3. The kingdom has been establish
      1. Matthew 3:1-2
         1. In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: 'PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD; MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.' "
      2. Matthew 4:17
         1. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
      3. Matthew 10:5-7
         1. These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
      4. Great commission
         1. All authority has been given
         2. Therefore go and preach
   4. Binding of Satan
      1. Matthew 12:25-29
         1. But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.
      2. Acts 26:17-18
         1. I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'
   5. Church will grow and prosper
      1. Matthew 13:31-33
         1. Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."
      2. Matthew 16:17-19
         1. Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
   6. When Christ returns bodily
      1. It will be for final judgment
      2. Matthew 25:31-33
         1. "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.
   7. Israel was not fruitful
      1. The church will be fruitful
      2. Matthew 21:42-44
         1. Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE. THIS WAS THE LORD'S DOING, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES' ? "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."
      3. Matthew 13:18-23
         1. "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it,* then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it,* who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."
   8. New heavens and new earth
      1. Not destruction of previous heaven and earth
      2. Like Noah’s flood
      3. Matthew 13:24-30
         1. Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "
      4. Matthew 13:37-43
         1. He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one.* The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!
      5. Romans 8:18-21
         1. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
3. Matches with Isaiah
   1. One of the reasons that we went to Isaiah after Matthew
      1. Was because of how many times Matthew referenced Isaiah
      2. The book of Matthew is about explaining how the Old Testament prophesies came to pass in the generation of Christ
   2. King
      1. Isaiah 9:6-7
         1. For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
      2. Isaiah 11:1-5
         1. There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.
      3. Isaiah 24:23
         1. Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.
   3. Gathering
      1. Isaiah 1:25-27
         1. I will turn My hand against you, And thoroughly purge away your dross, And take away all your alloy. I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." Zion shall be redeemed with justice, And her penitents with righteousness.
      2. Isaiah 2:2-3
         1. Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
      3. Isaiah 11:12
         1. He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.
      4. Isaiah 11:16
         1. There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.
      5. Isaiah 19:21-23
         1. Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the LORD and perform it. And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them. In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians.
      6. Isaiah 25:8
         1. He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.
      7. Isaiah 27:12-13
         1. And it shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel. So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.
      8. Isaiah 29:22-24
         1. Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall not now be ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow pale; But when he sees his children, The work of My hands, in his midst, They will hallow My name, And hallow the Holy One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel. These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who complained will learn doctrine."
      9. Isaiah 35:10
         1. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
4. Why does it matter
   1. Men, how Christ treats the church is how you are supposed to treat your wives
      1. Ephessians 5
         1. If He is causing her to go through worse and worse suffereing that is what you should do for you wife
   2. Premillenialism blames our sin on God
      1. Things are getting worse because of the disobedience of the people of God
      2. Not because God decreed that they should get worse
   3. Thanklessness
      1. When Christ walked the earth
      2. Most nations (other than Israel) practiced cannabilism in some form
      3. That is how blinded Satan had the nations
      4. Might makes right
      5. Every nation has been effected by the preaching of the word of God
      6. When we say look how bad things are
      7. We are rejecting the amazing things that God has done
      8. The increase of justice, righteousness and mercy in this world
   4. Ignoring the power of the Holy Spirit
      1. We have received power from God
      2. Acts 1:7-8
         1. And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
      3. Many hold that we need to wait for Christ to have power
      4. Christ said the opposite
5. Psalm 110
   1. A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord,"Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." The Lord *is* at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.
   2. Jesus Christ ascended
   3. He is seated at the right hand of God
   4. He has sent the rod of strength out of Zion
   5. We are ruling in the midst of our enemies
   6. He will come again when all enemies have been defeated
      1. Except for the last enemy which is death
   7. 1 Corinthians 15:25-26
      1. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.