

call. If they should succeed in spreading (their ideas) far enough, the whole world might be won to communism, or a lethal war might come that would wipe out civilization as we know it. I'm sure that in 376 to 400 A.D. the Christians must have thought the very world was coming to an end, as civilization declined and those barbarian tribes swept back and forth over Europe, and literacy from perhaps 90% of the people dropped to perhaps 3% of the people during the succeeding five centuries and those dark ages came. We could have another dark age. That could be part of God's will, but if it should be He says, Be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have a solid hope. We have a heritage of hope. We have a hope that was there with the Apostles. Hope that was spread with the early Christians, hope that alas has been too much neglected by the Christian Church as ministers have neglected to preach about it, about eschatology. Even by men giving the ~~XXXXXX~~ true message of salvation so often have laid aside this wonderful hope and paid little attention to it. But is part of the heritage God has given us and it is part of the treasure we have and we need to preach it and stand upon it.

I am convinced that that truth of Scripture which Satan hates worst is the teaching of the atonement of Christ, that Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross gave His life that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish That's the teaching Satan hates worse and He will do anything he can to eradicate it, but there is a second teaching Satan hates second worst. That is the teaching so clearly stated in the Bible that upon this very earth were Satan has had his greatest victory, that upon this very earth, our Lord Jesus is going to come back and reign in glory and joy and do away with Satan's work and Satan will be bound so that he will deceive the nations no more. This I think Satan hates only second to the teaching of the atonement of Christ. How he deceives people and turns their eyes away from this glorious teaching -- Our Heritage of Hope

I praise God that our Bible Presbyterian Church from its inception has held aloft this glorious premillennial teaching, this teaching of the Bible, this teaching that Jesus Christ is going to come back. He will return in two stages: first the one that is unheralded, unexpected and can come at any time. That coming when He takes His own to himself. And second, that second stage when He comes back with His own to this tormented and torn earth to put an end to what is wicked and set up His glorious kingdom. May God enable us to stand for His truth, to vigorously spread the message He has given us, to go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in, to stand against all the workings of Satan. But above all to gather up the reins of our mind and be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto us when Jesus Christ returns. Let us pray: Father we thank you for our heritage of hope. How much this heritage so much emphasized in the Scripture has been neglected in many parts even of the truly Christian church. We have the heritage. Help us to cherish it and treasure it as we should. To stand by it and not allow ourselves to forget it or overlook it. Even as we help us to work, to preach in season and out of season, to win men to Christ, to oppose apostasy and his efforts to destroy thy truth. To make our lives count to the utmost for our Saviour. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.