

THE CERTAINTY AND CONTROL OF THE CHURCH

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SURVEY OF SCRIPTURE

1. The purest churches under heaven are subject to mixture and error (1 Cor. 1:11; 5:1; 6:6; 11:17-19; 3 John 9-10; Rev. 2; 3);
2. and some have so degenerated as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan (Rev. 2:5; 1:20; 1 Tim. 3:14-15; Rev. 18:2);
3. nevertheless Christ always hath had and ever shall have a kingdom in this world, to the end thereof, of such as believe in him and make profession of his name. (Matt. 16:18; 24:14; 28:20; Mark 4:30-32; Ps. 72:16-18; 102:28; Isa. 9:6-7; Rev. 12:17; 20:7-9).
4. The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner (Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:11-16; 1:20-23; 5:23-32; 1 Cor. 12:27-28; John 17:1-3; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 5:31; John 10:14-16);
5. neither can the pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ and all that is called God; whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. (2 Thessalonians 2:2-9)

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ITS CERTAINTY (P. 3)

1. Why would the church ever be in danger?
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2. What we need to have confidence is that the church (universal church)

will _____ until Christ returns.

3. How Christ executes this never ceasing universal church is in _____, like

CRBC, who remain faithful to Him and His Word.

ITS CONTROL (P. 4)

1. The point of paragraph 4 is that the Lord Jesus is the head or _____ of the

universal church.

2. Secondly, it is deduced from this that the _____ of _____ is not in any sense the head of

the church.

3. Who is the head of the church?

4. How does this work out?

5. How do we know what the church is doing is according to Christ?

6. Who are the leaders in the church who conduct what is according to Christ?

7. Who is the true Vicar of Christ? _____
