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REN220 - 3 credits

# What God is Saying to the Church Today

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## Description:

This course will take an overview look at the Church throughout history and a look at what God is saying to and doing in the Church today. It will look at the five basic areas of revival, restoration, unity, world evangelization, and end time persecution. The book *The Church Triumphant at the End of the Age*, by Nate Krupp, will be used as the basic text. You will also read *New Wine Skins* by Nate Krupp and study other contemporary material.

## Texts:

*The Church Triumphant at the End of the Age* book and audio tape by Nate Krupp. Also *New Wine Skins* by Nate Krupp.

## Collateral Reading and Further Research:

Includes any number of books and other resources listed in the Appendices of the text.

Also includes one of the other following tapes by Nate Krupp:

**Bringing Back the King.** What's ahead for the Church before Jesus returns

**Fulfilling the Great Commission by A. D. 2000**

**Paying the Price for an End time Revival**

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## Course Objectives:

### Academic:

When you complete this course, you will:

- Have an overview of the subjects of revival, restoration, unity, world evangelization, and coming end time persecution, and how they interrelate.
- Know about the great revivals throughout Church history.

- Know what is being said about a coming, great end time revival today.
- Understand how the Church fell away from the early, New Testament Church, how God has been restoring the Church back to the original plan, and what He is doing today in that regard.
- Understand God's desire for unity among His people and what you can do to help bring about that unity.
- Have an overview of the great waves of world evangelization throughout Church history, the task that remains, how it can be fulfilled, and what you can do to get involved.
- Have an understanding of coming, end time persecution and possible things you might do to be prepared.
- Quote the following Scriptures:
  - ✓ Joel 2:23
  - ✓ 2 Chronicles 7:14
  - ✓ Joel 2:25
  - ✓ Acts 3:21
  - ✓ Psalms 133:1
  - ✓ John 17:21
  - ✓ Mark 16:15
  - ✓ Acts 19:10
  - ✓ Matthew 24:9
  - ✓ Revelation 14:12
- Have an understanding of how all that God has done through the centuries, and all that He is doing today, fit together.
- Have resources where you can do further research on the interrelating subjects.

### Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course:

- You will be encouraged by learning of the great revivals of the past, when God worked mightily in and through His people.
- You will have hope for a soon coming, mighty, worldwide, end time outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- You will be convinced that you need to humble yourself, pray, seek God's face, and turn from your wicked ways.
- You will be saddened by how the Church departed from Its glory of the First Century, but excited by what God has done through the centuries to bring restoration, with faith for a fully restored Church before Jesus Returns.
- You will be thrilled about the great advances the Church has made in Its task of world evangelization, have faith for the completion of the task, and see ways that you could be involved.
- You will become concerned about the possibility of end time persecution and begin thinking about what you might do to become prepared.
- You will think about things that are going on in the Church more in terms of God's overall purpose.
- You will begin to think about life more in terms of "the big picture."

### Behavioral:

If you allow the Holy Spirit to apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- You will get involved with others in praying for revival.
- You will get involved with others in praying and working to see the Church restored to Her New Testament simplicity and power.
- You will get involved with others in praying and working to we unity come to the Body of Christ.
- You will get involved with others in praying and working to see the Great Commission fulfilled.
- You will begin getting prepared for coming, worldwide, end time persecution.
- You will begin praying and working for "the big picture" with regard to the life of the Church. Your life will take on new meaning as you do this.

## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D" • Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C" • Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B" • Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A" • Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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**Course Requirements:**

1. Classrooms students must faithfully attend classes. Distance students must meet all other requirements.
2. Thoroughly study the texts and all Scriptures mentioned in the texts.
3. Listen to the assigned tapes.
4. Memorize the assigned Scripture passages.
5. Write a report on the collateral reading or other research.
6. Earn a passing grade on the Final Exam.



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# Course Schedule

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**Important:** ask the Holy Spirit to speak the truth of God to you each time you do a lesson assignment.

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### Lesson One

1. Read the introductory pages of *Church Triumphant*. Carefully study Chapters 1 and 2. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Read the booklet *New Wine Skins* by Nate Krupp.
3. Listen to the audio tape **The Church Triumphant at the End of the Age**.
4. Memorize Joel 2:23 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

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### Lesson Two

1. Carefully study Chapters 3 and 4 of *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Give careful consideration to the Personal Assignment on page 50 of the text.

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### Lesson Three

1. Carefully study Chapters 5 - 7 of *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Memorize Joel 2:25 and Acts 3:21.

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### Lesson Four

1. Carefully study Chapters 8 - 11 of *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Give careful consideration to the Personal Assignment on page 131 of the text.

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### Lesson Five

1. Carefully study Chapters 8 - 11 at *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Memorize Psalms 133:1 and John 17:21.
3. Give careful consideration to the Personal Assignment on page 150 of the text.

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### Lesson Six

1. Carefully study Chapters 14 and 15 of *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Memorize Mark 16:15 and Acts 19:10.

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### Lesson Seven

1. Carefully study Chapters 16 - 18 of *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Give careful consideration to the Personal Assignment on page 210 of the text.

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### Lesson Eight

1. Carefully study Chapters 19 and 20 and the Epilogue of *Church Triumphant*. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Memorize Matthew 24:9 and Revelation 14:12.
3. Give careful consideration to the Personal Assignment on page 224 of the text.