

Wolf! Wolf!

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Sooner or later, the wolf really will come. We need to be ready.

Part 1

After years of filing paperwork, and months of construction, KRSF finally began broadcasting on April 4, 2011. That was just 47 days before May 21, 2011. Do you remember what happened on May 21, 2011? Or, more to the point, what didn't happen?

The late Harold Camping of Family Life Radio very publicly predicted that the rapture would take place on May 21, 2011, and that the destruction of the world would subsequently take place five months later on October 21, 2011. Clearly, that did not happen.

We certainly did not believe we would be raptured on May 21st. If we had, we would not have gone to all that trouble and expense to build a radio station that would broadcast for just 47 days before we were taken to heaven. Some of our first broadcasts emphasized to our listeners that we were NOT predicting the rapture on that date. We didn't want to be confused with that other radio station.

There is a famous fable about "The Little Boy Who Cried, Wolf!" He cried "Wolf!" so often to get attention that when the wolf really did come, nobody believed him, and they didn't come to help him. So many people have made unfulfilled predictions about the return of Jesus that there is a danger that Christians no longer take Jesus' return seriously.

Jesus IS coming back again. His return was the cornerstone of His teaching. Most of His parables had to do with judgment and the Second Coming. To make sure there is no misunderstanding, we believe that Jesus will return, possibly very soon, to judge the world; BUT we do not believe we can predict the date.

Jesus said very plainly,

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [Matthew 24:35-39, KJV]

Nobody can tell when Jesus will return, and many people will be taken by surprise and be unprepared. But Jesus gave specific signs of His second coming and then said,

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. [Matthew 24:32-33, KJV]

So we have looked for the signs of His coming, and we have seen that most of them have already been fulfilled. That means we must be ready for His return at any moment; but we should not try to predict the date.

In the early 1800's, a man named William Miller read Daniel 8:14.

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. [Daniel 8:14, KJV]

He incorrectly thought that the cleansing of the sanctuary meant the destruction of the Earth at Jesus' return. Not realizing his error, he wanted to know when the 2300 days began. He thought he found the starting date when he read Daniel 9:25.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince ... [Daniel 9:25, KJV]

He knew from history the date when Darius gave the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, and calculated that Jesus would return on October 22, 1844. That date was just a few years away when he made his calculations. So, he urgently preached the Second Coming of Jesus would be on October 22, 1844. Many people believed him. They didn't bother to harvest their crops, and spent all their time and money proclaiming Jesus' soon return. They were greatly disappointed when Jesus didn't return when William Miller said he would. That's why October 22, 1844, is called by some people, "the Great Disappointment."

Most of the people who believed William Miller gave up their faith when Miller's prediction failed to come true. William Miller was one of those people. But a few studied the Bible even more carefully and discovered Miller's error. The "cleansing of the sanctuary" did not mean "the end of the world." Jesus hadn't missed His appointment.

About 20 years later, this small group of faithful Bible-believing people founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One of those people was Ellen G. White. About 30 years after that, in 1891, she gave a sermon explaining why it is always a mistake to set a date for the return of Jesus. Here is a short portion of that sermon.

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

The disciples were anxious to know the exact time for the revelation of the kingdom of God; but Jesus tells them that they may not know the times and the seasons; for the Father has not revealed them. To understand when the kingdom of God should be restored, was not the thing of most importance for them to know. They were to be found following the Master, praying, waiting, watching, and working. They were to be representatives to the world of the character of Christ. That which was essential for a successful Christian experience in the days of the disciples, is essential in our day. "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." And after the Holy Ghost was come upon them, what were they to do? "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

This is the work in which we also are to be engaged. Instead of living in expectation of some special season of excitement, we are wisely to improve present opportunities, doing that which must be done in order that souls may be saved. Instead of exhausting the powers of our mind in

speculations in regard to the times and seasons which the Lord has placed in his own power, and withheld from men, we are to yield ourselves to the control of the Holy Spirit, to do present duties, to give the bread of life, unadulterated with human opinions, to souls who are perishing for the truth.

Satan is ever ready to fill the mind with theories and calculations that will divert men from the present truth, and disqualify them for the giving of the [gospel] to the world. It has ever been thus; for our Saviour often had to speak reprovably to those who indulged in speculations and were ever inquiring into those things which the Lord had not revealed. Jesus had come to earth to impart important truth to men, and he wished to impress their minds with the necessity of receiving and obeying his precepts and instructions, of doing their present duty, and his communications were of an order that imparted knowledge for their immediate and daily use.

... Jesus did not come to astonish men with some great announcement of some special time when some great event would occur, but he came to instruct and save the lost. He did not come to arouse and gratify curiosity; for he knew that this would but increase the appetite for the curious and the marvelous. It was his aim to impart knowledge whereby men might increase in spiritual strength, and advance in the way of obedience and true holiness. He gave only such instruction as could be appropriated to the needs of their daily life, only such truth as could be given to others for the same appropriation. He did not make new revelations to men, but opened to their understanding truths that had long been obscured or misplaced through the false teaching of the priests and teachers. Jesus [restored] the gems of divine truth in their proper setting, in the order in which they had been given to patriarchs and prophets. And after giving them this precious instruction, he promised to give them the Holy Spirit whereby all things that he had said unto them should be brought to their remembrance.

We are in continual danger of getting above the simplicity of the gospel. There is an intense desire on the part of many to startle the world with something original that shall lift the people into a state of spiritual ecstasy, and change the present order of experience. There is certainly great need of a change in the present order of experience; for the sacredness of present truth is not realized as it should be, but the change we need is a change of heart, and can only be obtained by seeking God individually for his blessing, by pleading with him for his power, by fervently praying that his grace may come upon us, and that our characters may be transformed. This is the change we need today, and for the attainment of this experience we should exercise persevering energy and manifest heart-felt earnestness. We should ask with true sincerity, "What shall I do to be saved?" We should know just what steps we are taking heavenward.

Christ gave to his disciples truths whose breadth and depth and value they little appreciated, or even comprehended, and the same condition exists among the people of God today. We too have failed to take in the greatness, to perceive the beauty of the truth which God has entrusted to us today. Should we advance in spiritual knowledge, we would see the truth developing and expanding in lines of which we have little dreamed, but it will never develop in any line that will lead us to imagine that we may know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power. ... There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.

... some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time, ... making their calculations, and disposing of their property in reference to that time. ... this was wrong for this

reason, instead of going to God daily, and earnestly desiring to know their present duty, they looked ahead, and made their calculations as though they knew that the work would end this fall, without inquiring their duty of God daily.

... [There was] a man who was setting time in 1884, and [trying] to prove his theories. ... the people [did not need to] take heed to this man's theory; for the event he predicted would not take place.

The times and the seasons God has put in his own power, and why has not God given us this knowledge?—Because we would not make a right use of it if he did. A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly retard the work of God in preparing a people to stand in the great day that is to come. We are not to live upon time excitement. We are not to be engrossed with speculations in regard to the times and the seasons which God has not revealed. Jesus has told his disciples to “watch,” but not for definite time. His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray, and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but no one will be able to predict just when that time will come; for “of that day and hour knoweth no man.” You will not be able to say that he will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off his coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years.

It is the duty of the people of God to have their lamps trimmed and burning, to be as men that wait for the Bridegroom, when he shall return from the wedding. You have not a moment to lose in neglect of the great salvation that has been provided for you. The time of the probation of souls is coming to an end. From day to day the destiny of men is being sealed, and even from this congregation we know not how soon many shall close their eyes in death and be habited for the tomb. We should now consider that our life is swiftly passing away, that we are not safe one moment unless our life is hid with Christ in God. Our duty is not to be looking forward to some special time for some special work to be done for us, but to go forward in our work of warning the world; for we are to be witnesses of Christ to the uttermost parts of the world. All around us are the young, the impenitent, the unconverted, and what are we doing for them? Parents, in the ardor of your first love, are you seeking for the conversion of your children, or are you engrossed with the things of this life to such an extent that you are not making earnest efforts to be laborers together with God? Do you have an appreciation of the work and mission of the Holy Spirit? Do you realize that the Holy Spirit is the agency whereby we are to reach the souls of those around us? ... will you ... forget the earnest appeals that have been made to you? will the messages of warning be left unheeded, and the truth you have heard leak out of your heart as water leaks out of a broken vessel?

[Hebrews, chapter 2] says, “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”

... you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that he may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for his service. Today you are to give yourself to

God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God. Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.¹

So, we should not be discouraged when false predictions of Jesus return fail to come true. We should never try to predict when it will happen. But we should recognize that Jesus made several clear promises to return at a time when the world in general has turned from God and embraced sin. That's certainly true of the world today. So we should expect Jesus to return soon; but we should not expect the rapture that Harold Camping predicted. We will tell you why right after JoAn Witzel accompanies Pat Tillmanns as he sings, "We Know Not the Hour".

[music – Pat Tillmanns and JoAn Witzel, "We Know Not the Hour"]

Part 2

In the first segment, we explained why Harold Camping was wrong to predict the rapture would happen on May 21, 2011. The Bible says no man can predict the date—but that wasn't the only mistake he made. His belief in a secret rapture that takes believers to heaven, while leaving sinners on Earth, was wrong, too. The rapture is one of many so-called "Christian" doctrines that doesn't come from the Bible.

Most of the non-Biblical doctrines infecting the Protestant churches today were inherited from the Catholic Church. It was the Catholic Church that introduced the idea that priests can forgive sins, if the petitioner does some symbolic work that satisfies the priest. It was the Catholic Church that replaced the Biblical truth about death with the Roman myth that dead people go to Heaven or Hell via Purgatory when they die, so that the Pope could claim the authority to decide the eternal destiny of people, forcing ordinary people to buy indulgences, and forcing medieval kings and princes to obey the Pope or face eternal damnation. It was the Catholic Church that introduced the idea of praying to saints as minor deities with special areas of influence. It was hatred of the Jews that caused the Catholic Church to replace the "Jewish" Sabbath with a day of worship named in honor of the pagan Sun God. It was hatred of the Jews that caused the Catholic Church not to celebrate the resurrection on the Jewish Passover, and celebrate the pagan Easter holiday instead. And just as Satan used the serpent to convince Eve to eat forbidden food, Satan used hatred of the Jews to convince Catholics to eat forbidden food.

Imagine how it must hurt God to see His people celebrate His resurrection on a day named in honor of a pagan fertility goddess, with pagan fertility symbols (Easter eggs, chickens, and bunnies) and then go home to eat a ham dinner to prove they are free from God's laws.

But unlike all the non-Christian doctrines that have their roots in Catholicism, the rapture is a distinctly Protestant heresy. Secular sources, such as Wikipedia, tell us where this doctrine came from.

The concept of the rapture, in connection with premillennialism, was expressed by the 17th-century American Puritan father and son Increase [Mather] and Cotton Mather. They held to the idea that

¹ E. G. White, September 5, 1891, "It Is Not for You to Know the Times and the Seasons", <http://egwtext.whiteestate.org/publication.php?pubtype=Periodical&bookCode=RH&lang=en&year=1892&month=March&day=22>

*believers would be caught up in the air, followed by judgments on the Earth, and then the millennium. The term rapture was used by Philip Doddridge and John Gill in their New Testament commentaries, with the idea that believers would be caught up prior to judgment on the Earth and Jesus' second coming. ... Pre-tribulation rapture theology was developed in the 1830s by John Nelson Darby and the Plymouth Brethren, and popularized in the United States in the early 20th century by the wide circulation of the Scofield Reference Bible. ... The early original Christian church, as well as the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox churches, the Anglican Communion and many Protestant Calvinist denominations, have no tradition of a preliminary return of Christ and reject the doctrine.*²

Many sincere Christians believe the rapture is a Biblical doctrine; but it isn't. It is a false doctrine that began in the 17th century and has been refined over the centuries. It is a heresy that has been in some denominations for so long that it has become an orthodox Christian belief.

The rapture theory is a very dangerous doctrine for one simple reason: It promises a second chance. It tells people that they can wait for all the Christians to disappear before they need to repent, because they will have a second chance to be saved after the rapture.

The rapture theory has recently been popularized by the *Left Behind* series of books and movies. Here's a typical book review from the Amazon.com website.

The idea of the book is great, though done before. The way this book is written though, basically, chronicles the events that take place in the "end-times" as described in the Bible.

The book revolves around some central characters. They all are involved with the church in one way or another. Eventually you see most of them "converted" into Christians. As they are they feel that their "mission" is to convert others. There also is some romantic "tension" thrown into the mix. The characters aren't all developed too well but I still felt a connection with them.

*I enjoyed this book and think that many others will too. Although this book, I feel, was written mainly for Christians. There is no subtlety in the message. Everything is taken almost verbatim from the Bible.*³

The reviewer thinks this novel “chronicles the events that take place in the ‘end-times’ as described in the Bible,” and “Everything is taken almost verbatim from the Bible.” Clearly, he hasn't read the Bible. Virtually nothing in the *Left Behind* series came from the Bible. He thinks that popular fiction is an accurate representation of what the Bible says. Sadly, there are many people who think they know what the Bible says from books and movies, but have never bothered to read the Bible. Sadly, many of those people are members of Christian churches.

Some people have gotten incorrect beliefs about Christianity from TV shows like *Touched by an Angel*. Here's a review of that TV show we found on-line.

Touched By an Angel was broadcast on TV from 1994 until 2004. According to the show's website, Monica, Tess, and Andrew are a trio of angels sent to Earth to tell depressed and troubled people that God loves them and hasn't forgotten them. ... Angels are dispatched from heaven to inspire people who are at a crossroads in their lives. Monica, an angel who at times still needs some guidance with her earthly assignments, reports to Tess, her tough, wise, and always loving supervisor. Joining them is

² <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/rapture>

³ I. Hsieh, February 5, 2001, A Good "End-Times" Book for Christians, <http://www.amazon.com/Left-Behind-Novel-Earths-Last/dp/1414334907>

*Andrew, who, in addition to his duties as the Angel of Death, helps out as a caseworker on various assignments. The angels may not bring answers to every problem, but they always deliver a message of hope.*⁴

Like the movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, the show was based on the premise that Monica was a good girl in life, but not quite good enough to make it into heaven. Therefore, she had to do enough good deeds, first to prove she deserves to be an angel, and then to work her way up the celestial organizational structure. The problem with this premise is that it contradicts the Bible.

The Bible does not say that angels are the souls of dead people who get promoted to positions of greater responsibility by helping people on Earth. Angels existed before the first man died; therefore angels can't be the souls of dead people. The book of Revelation says that, after the Second Coming, angels and redeemed saints will praise God together. People do not become angels when they die, no matter how good they are. So, the idea that Monica could earn her wings by doing good deeds after she died is clearly false. The TV show falsely promised a second chance at salvation after death.

Not only was the premise false, the recurring plot theme each week was blasphemous. Details varied each week of course, but the plot formula was always the same. It was the same plot formula used by *I Love Lucy*. Each week, Monica was given an assignment from God (through Tess). But each week Monica didn't do what God asked. Monica always thought she knew better than God, and tried to help in her own way. Things always went wrong for a while, but then turned out OK in the end. God always forgave Monica for disobeying direct orders, just like Ricky always forgave Lucy for sneaking around behind his back to do something Ricky told her not to do. The recurring lesson was: God doesn't really know best, and doesn't really mean what He says. You know better. You can do your own thing, and it will turn out fine, and God will reward you for your initiative.

Fictional stories, like *Left Behind* and *Touched by an Angel* create a false impression of what the Bible says. These fictional ideas have worked their way into mainstream Christian beliefs with terrible consequences. We will talk about those consequences after this break.

[music – Dave Pogge, “We’re All Here!”]

Part 3

We began this program by reminding you that Harold Camping predicted the rapture would happen on May 21, 2011. He made two serious errors. He predicted the wrong event at the wrong time. The Bible says Jesus is coming back; but not in the way Camping predicted it would happen. Furthermore, the Bible says nobody can predict when Jesus will return.

From there we went on to explore why he made the error. The reason he was looking for the wrong event at the wrong time is because false doctrines have been incorporated into Christianity over the centuries. Some so-called Christian beliefs are not Christian at all. In particular, the notion that Christians will disappear while others are left behind is 17th century fiction—it isn't Biblical. For hundreds of years some denominations have been taking Bible verses out of context, trying to twist them to conform to the fictional secret rapture theory; but the Bible is very clear about what will happen when Jesus returns. Every eye will see Him, and everyone's eternal destiny will already have been determined at that moment. There's no second chance.

⁴ <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0108968/>

The idea that people will get a second chance to be saved, either after the rapture, or as a probationary angel after death, is a dangerous deception. You won't become a Christian by realizing the leader of the one world government is actually the anti-Christ. You won't be able to earn your wings by showing Jimmy Stewart that it's a wonderful life, or any of the other ways you might touch someone as an angel. That idea that you will have a second chance at salvation is fictional, not Biblical, and most importantly, it is not true.

The idea that people go to Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory when they die does not come from the Bible—it's simply a story borrowed from Roman mythology. The Roman Catholic Church adopted the pagan myth and changed the names of the gods and places to make it easier for pagans to convert to Christianity—and to make it possible to sell indulgences. The idea that the Church can determine who goes to Hell, and who goes to Heaven, gave the pope power over medieval kings and princes by threatening to excommunicate them and send them to Hell.

People who have heard the pagan myth that people go to Heaven or Hell immediately when they die sometimes dream about going to one place or the other when having a near death experience; but they are just dreams. They are very convincing dreams—but they are just dreams produced by an oxygen-starved brain. They aren't true.

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People will be lost because they think they can predict when Jesus will return, and will wait to reform because they think they will have time to repent just before He comes back.

People will be lost because they think they can wait to accept Christ until after all the Christians mysteriously disappear.

People will be lost because they think God will give them a chance to earn their salvation by serving as an angel after they die.

People will be lost because they think their loved ones will be able to ransom their souls out of purgatory by giving money to the church, or because someone will find them in a genealogical database and be baptized for them.

Furthermore, the idea that a dead loved one is conscious in some other dimension, and can contact you through a medium, makes it possible for Satan to impersonate your dead loved one and give you bad advice. That's why God said,

“Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God. [Leviticus 19:31, NIV]

When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? [Isaiah 8:19, NIV]

The Bible clearly states that your dead loved ones are unconscious, waiting for the resurrection. Solomon said,

**For the living know that they will die,
but the dead know nothing;**

**they have no further reward,
and even their name is forgotten.
Their love, their hate
and their jealousy have long since vanished;
never again will they have a part
in anything that happens under the sun. [Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, NIV]**

The dead know nothing. They can't give you advice. They don't have a part in anything that happens under the sun.

Myths about the rapture, and consciousness in death before Jesus returns, aren't just academic theological doctrines that don't really matter—they are deadly deceptions that will cause people to be lost.

The truth is that Jesus is coming back suddenly, and you must be prepared to meet Him. Nearly all of the Biblical prophecies have already been perfectly fulfilled. There are just a few prophecies about what will happen immediately before Jesus returns that remain to be fulfilled. These prophecies can be fulfilled in a very short time. That's how we know that Jesus could return soon and we must be ready to meet Him now.

That means everyone needs to repent of all sins, ask for Jesus' forgiveness, and be born again. Jesus gives the power to resist temptation and keep the Ten Commandments to anyone who asks for it.

This can be done alone—but it is much easier to do as part of a Christian fellowship. Believers can strengthen each other. So we urge you to find a congregation that studies the Bible carefully and bases its teachings on the Bible—and rejects the pagan myths that contradict the Bible.

As the Holy Spirit is poured out in greater measure just before Jesus returns, we expect that there will be a widespread reformation and revival in the Protestant churches. False doctrines will be purged from many congregations, and as a result, those churches will experience a shaking. Insincere Christians, who want to cling to the comfortable pagan myths, will be shaken out of Protestant churches; but they will be replaced by honest, dedicated people who truly love God and want to show that love through their obedience.

It is our prayer that this reformation and revival will soon explode throughout the Protestant world so that many more souls will be saved. We pray that the members of all denominations will prayerfully study the Bible and compare the Biblical teachings they discover with their own doctrines, and have the courage to change whenever they discover the commandments of God have been replaced by the traditions of men.

Matthew quoted Jesus giving this warning:

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. [Matthew 15:8-9, KJV]

This broadcast has dealt primarily with the traditional beliefs about the state of the dead which lull people into a false sense of security by making them think they will have a second chance to be saved. But there are other non-Biblical traditions that need to be exorcised from most Protestant congregations to make room for the Holy Spirit to come in.

For example, God told Adam and Eve not to eat a certain fruit. We all know what happened when they disobeyed. Then God told their descendants not to eat pork, shellfish, and other things. Why do Christians eat them? Why do Christians think God meant what He said to Adam and Eve, but not to us?

Here's another example. The Fourth Commandment says to worship God on the Sabbath (that is, sundown Friday to sundown Saturday). In the fourth century, the Holy Roman Empire started the tradition of worshipping on Sunday, in direct violation of the Fourth Commandment, partly to appease pagan sun worshipers, and partly to avoid any association with the Jews. Why do most Protestants follow that human tradition of Sunday-keeping rather than keeping the Commandment of God?

Mark tells us what Jesus told the Pharisees.

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

**"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.**

**They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'**

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! [Mark 7:6-9, NIV]

Don't worship God in vain. Stop following human traditions and keep the commandments of God instead. Then you will be ready to meet Jesus when He returns.

Jesus is coming back again soon to judge the living and the dead. When He comes back, will He find pure faith in your church? Or, will your congregation be honoring God with your lips, but worshipping in vain, having let go of the commands of God and holding on to human traditions?

Looking forward to the day in which He will return, Jesus asked,

... when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" [Luke 18:8, NIV]

If He came today, sadly the answer would be, "Not much."

Hopefully, we have time enough to turn that around. Jesus is coming back soon, so we Protestants really have to hurry to make the needed reforms before He returns. We must do this before the Holy Spirit will bring non-believers into the safety of our fold. We aren't just crying, "Wolf! Wolf!"