

Sermon Title: The Church Triumphant!

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Hebrews 13:7-8 *Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever.*

What we will learn about the Church:

- 1) Kingdom of God vs. kingdom of man
- 2) God's truth and purpose is always under attack
- 3) God's purposes will not be thwarted, no matter the schemes of evil men.
- 4) You and I are part of something much bigger and more important that we realize!

Church History is the study of the mighty deeds of the Holy Spirit done through sinners such as us. To study it is to see that the very gates of hell will never prevail against God's purposes!

The Church triumphs because Jesus is Lord over _____ and _____ events.

The Church triumphs over _____ and attacks from without.

The Church triumphs because normal Christians do the work of the kingdom in their _____.

The Church triumphs because God raises up people to _____ the truth.

The Church triumphs over attempts of men to crystallize a move of God and turn it into a _____.

The Church triumphs by taking the _____ message to the whole _____.

The Church triumphs because a _____ is leading it to a desired end!

Questions for discussion for House Churches, Triads and Devotions

- 1) How can looking back at church history give us faith for facing our own challenging times?
- 2) When we look at the history of the Church, we see the sovereignty of God even in the midst of the flaws of man. In what ways does that give you hope and courage?
- 3) How do you think God can use you in your everyday life to be part of his "big picture" of spreading His kingdom?