

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

Sunday December 6, 2009

*“When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end.” **Mark 13:7***

The year 2012 has become a source of fascination and fear for many people. There’s even a major motion picture called 2012 that came out a few weeks ago. The reason for such interest has to do with a prediction supposedly made by the Mayan Indians that the world will end on December 21st of that ill-fated year.

For my own part, I plan on being here with all of you at Rockport on Sunday, December 23, 2012 as we celebrate the birth of Christ. But haven’t we seen this kind of thing before? Do you remember the fearful preparations people were making ten years ago under the threat of the coming y2k disaster? Or the beginning of the first Gulf War when Christians were running around with proof that “Saddam Hussein is the anti-christ”, and on and on we could go.

One of my “prized” possessions is a little book by former NASA scientist, Edgar Whisenant, called “88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988” (which he followed up the next year with “89 Reasons Why...” You get the idea.). Did you know there were people who actually sold their homes and put their pets to sleep in anticipation of that “great day” that never came. And so-called “Christian TV station” TBN suspended regular programming on the day Whisenant predicted to run a special on “How to Prepare for the Rapture.”

How foolish we are when we try to peer into the secret things of God (Deut 29:29). How ridiculous we become when we get caught up in such! So this morning we will begin looking at Jesus’ warnings from Mark 13 about the foolishness of such “end-times speculation.” My prayer is that God help us see, that because we live in a world that will always be troubled with wars, false Messiahs, and terrifying events, we must never allow such things to sweep us off our feet, but must instead hold fast to Christ no matter what is happening.

Secure by Faith in Him Alone!

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