

Church History 16 The Progressive Church



Review Last ½ Century

Issues of the 50's:

The Sponsoring Church Arrangement— One church doing a work greater than it can afford and soliciting funds from other churches then making all the decisions: “Herald of Truth” etc.

Church support of Institutions— Christian Colleges, Children's Homes, Homes for unwed mothers, etc. ***What Scripture supports these?***

Recreational eating in the building—Not for benevolence, but socializing, & secular parties.

“Progressive” Churches of Christ



Progressive Christianity
draws on the insights of
multiple theological
streams...

Including:
*neo-orthodoxy, pragmatism,
and liberation theology.*

“Progressive” Churches of Christ

“Gender Equal” Churches of Christ.

Women in ***all areas*** of service & Leadership

“Instrumental” Churches of Christ.

“Cultural” Churches of Christ.

Ministering to the ‘whole man.’

Rejecting Baptism as Essential.

Accepting Denom as Brothers.

Accepting Denom Doctrines.

“Progressive” Churches of Christ

Gender Equal & Egalitarian Churches.

The Bible

(1 Cor 14:34)
“Women *keep silent in the churches.*”

(1 Tim 2:12)
“Do not allow a woman *to teach or exercise authority* over an man.”



Laleo- about
300 times as
to “speak”
Never to
chatter! NAS

Our Culture

Declares
(1 Cor 14:34)
Is just to keep
down *chit chat.*

Says 1 Tim 2:12
legality was
transcended
by Gal 3:28
spirituality (?)

But (Gal 3:28) written *AD 56* & (1 Tim 2:12) *AD 65.*

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Gender Equal & Egalitarian Churches.



Directory of Gender Equal and Egalitarian Churches of Christ.

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Over 70 churches in 24 states!

Some churches of Christ have women at ALL levels of leadership. Directory= Stamford CT; West Islip NY; Dayspring church Edmond OK; Bering Dr Houston Tx; Plymouth Park Irving Tx; Southwest Central Houston; Southwind Mansfield Tx. *Directory: p.5; 6; 13; 17; 18,19.*

Some have *female deacons*, can pray, read scripture. Some churches have *everything but* female elders. Defense is “*Giftedness*.” in GA; TN; NC; MASS.

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Their Churches Endorsing *Instruments*

Instruments authorized in OT by David
w/ Nathan the Prophet (2 Chron 29:25-28)

But Acapella Singing authorized in NT
(Eph 5:19; Col 3:16 Singing and making
melody with your heart. ❤️)

Instruments: Gender Inclusive & Egalitarian Directory
Sonoma Ave; Santa Rosa, CA. Directory p.4
McKnight Crossing, CoC. St Louis MO. p.10
The Vine Church (of Christ) Ft Worth TX. p.20

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Ministering to the “*Whole Man*” ?



2 Tim 4:2 “*Preach the word*; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort.”

Eph 4:11-12 “*Evangelists, pastors and teachers* for the equipping of the saints..”

Crossroads Church of Christ, Gainesville FL.

Fanning Springs Retreat accommodations for 250.

120 ac Riegel Ranch to care for 60 children.

Annual Play Day— and nominal fee for meals.

Plus BBQ's & Crossroads singers; Day Care Ctr.

Solicits funds from churches to do their works.

“Progressive” Churches of Christ

Some Accept Denominational Doctrines

Max Lucado:

"We never taught the buzzphrase is **baptismal regeneration**, where you go into the baptistery lost & come out saved. We never taught that."



Oak Hills Church (of Christ deleted from name).

*“Max Lucado Transcends Church of Christ Beliefs”
(Baptist Press: May 9, 2005 - NASHVILLE, Tenn.)*

What About (**Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21**) etc. ?

“Progressive” Churches of Christ

Some Accept Denominations as **Brothers**

Web writer May 17, 2004 “While I'm convinced that salvation requires putting Christ on in baptism via immersion, its possible, however unlikely, that this belief just might be wrong, & at any rate, only God can judge as to who's saved.”

“The thing is— we don't refuse to fellowship unimmersed Christians, or write them off as lost forever if they're never baptized... To do so, most of us believe, is spiritually arrogant. We will share with them our baptismal theology, then let them decide.” (Contrast Acts 2:41, 47)

What Does the Future Hold?

Dan 2:44 “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up *a kingdom which will never be destroyed...*

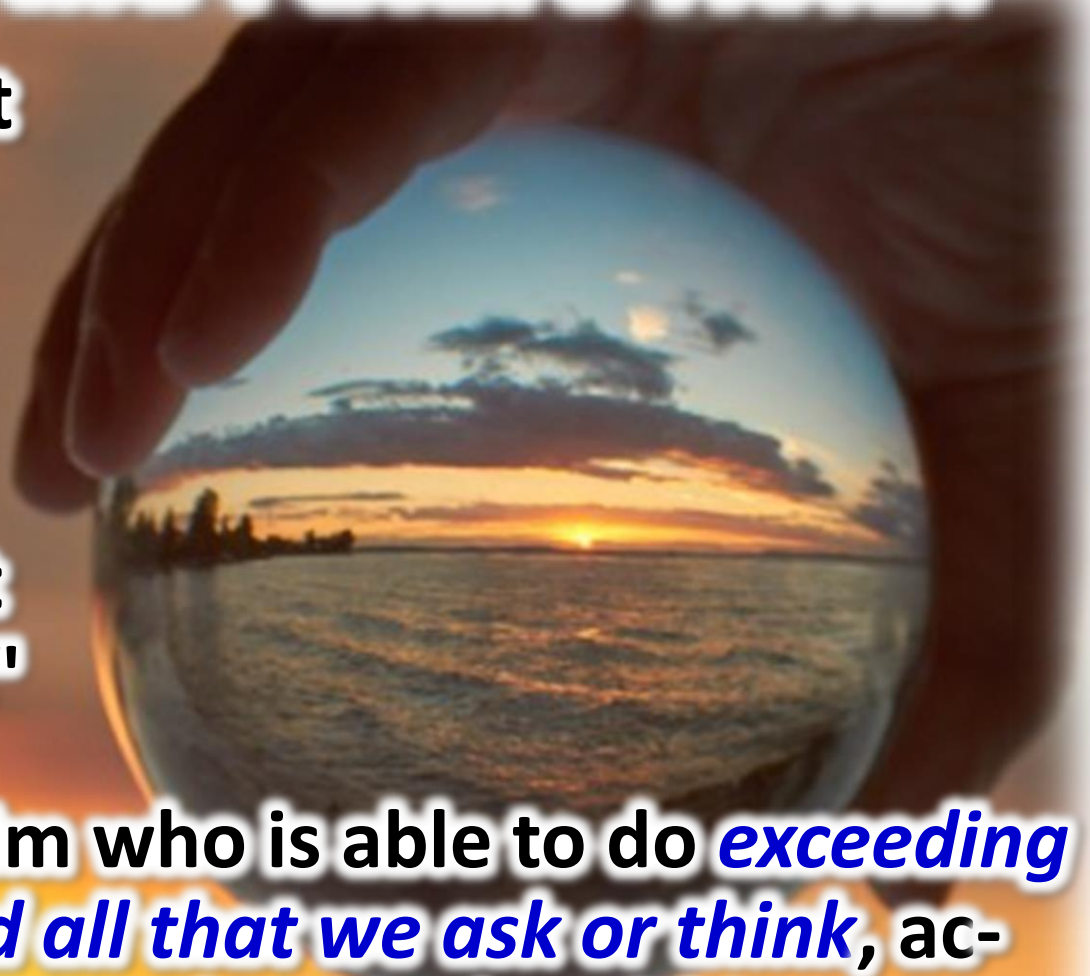
and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush & put an end to all these kingdoms, *but it will itself endure forever.*”



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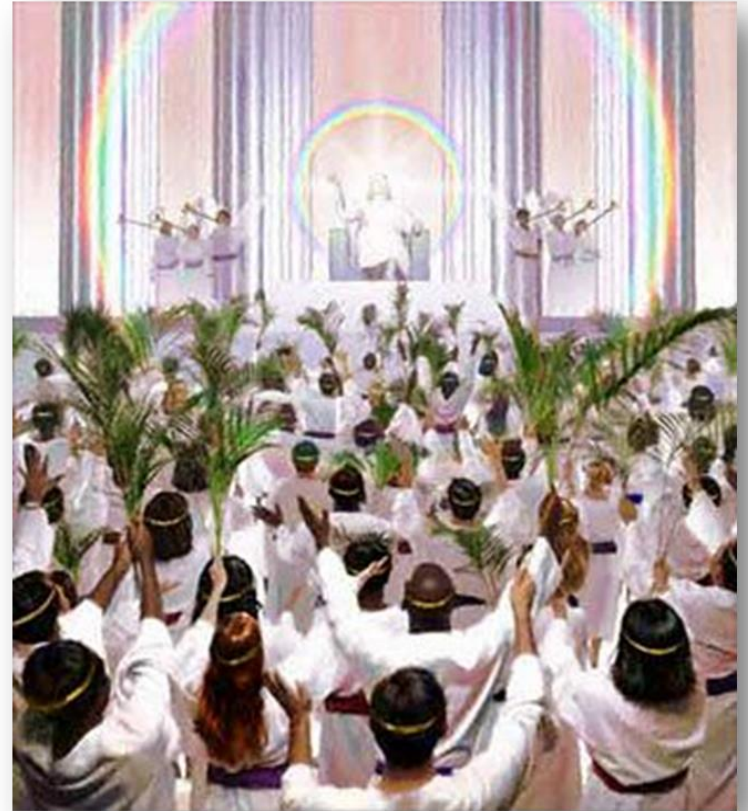
(1 Kings 19:18) "Yet
I will leave 7,000
in Israel, all the
knees that have
not bowed to Baal
& every mouth that
has not kissed him."

Eph 3:20 "To Him who is able to do *exceeding
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think*, ac-
cording to the power that works within us..
21 to Him be the glory *in the church and in Christ
Jesus to all generations forever and ever*. Amen.



What Does the Future Hold?

Rev 7:9 *“A great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands..”* *[Joyous victory !]*



v10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying...
Salvation to our God who sits on the throne,
and *to the Lamb.*”

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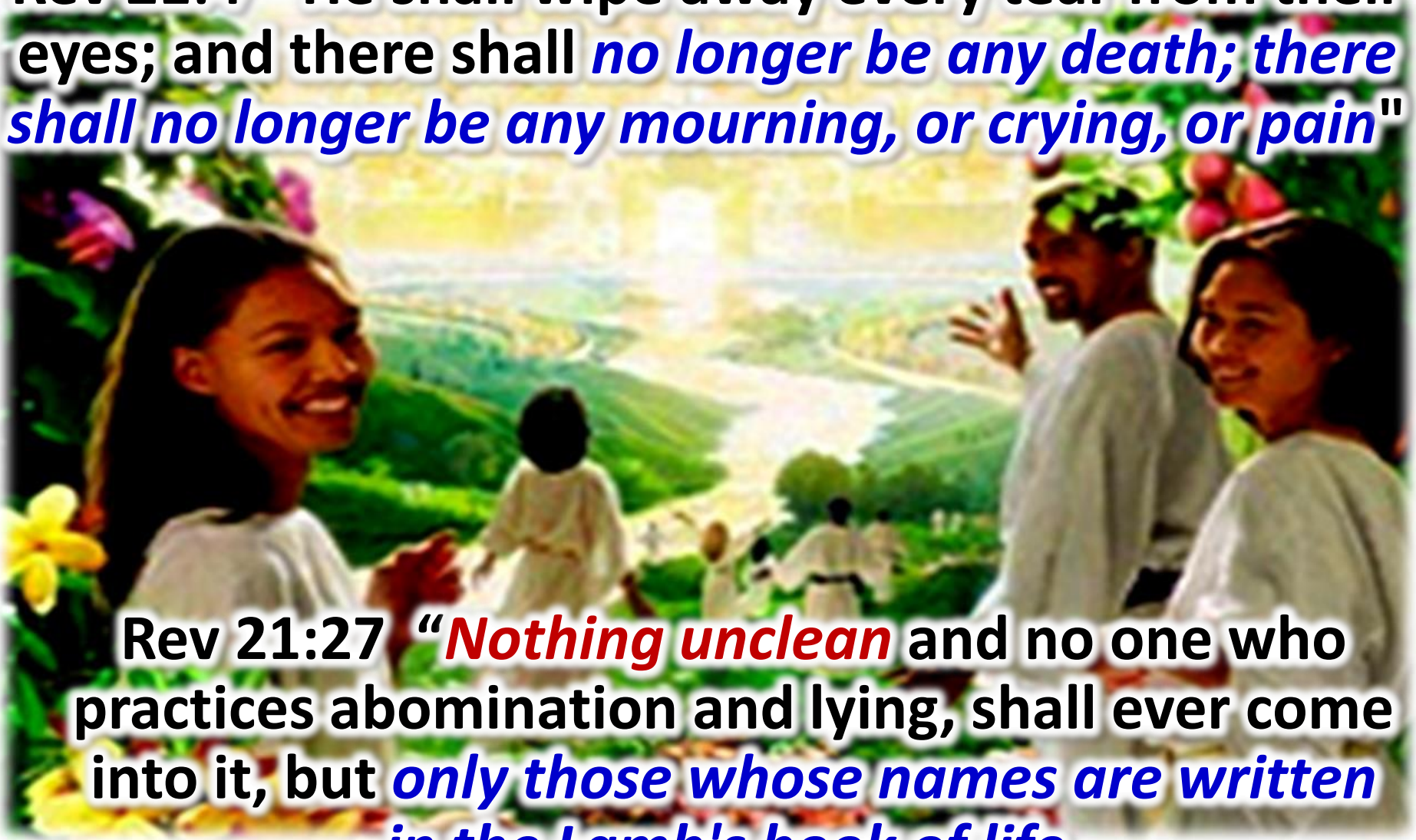
Rev 21:1 I saw *a new heaven and a new earth*; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away.



Rev 21:3 “*God is among men*, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people.”

What Does the Future Hold?

Rev 21:4 “He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall *no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain*”



Rev 21:27 “*Nothing unclean* and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but *only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.*”

What Does the Future Hold?



Rev 22:3 “And His bond-servants shall serve Him;
v4 *and they shall see His face*, and His
name shall be on their foreheads.”

What Does the Future Hold?



Rev 22:5 “And
they *shall reign
forever and
ever.*”