

What Was Started

The Dream Nearly Lost

- Corinth: division, carnal, jealousy, denying resurrection of Jesus
- Galatia: pursuing a different gospel that included parts of the Law of Moses
- Ephesus: shepherds leading people away from Christ, later they would lose their first love
- Rome: fighting about eating meats
- Thessalonica: not following the words of the apostles
- Philippi: two sisters were not getting along
- Colossae: being led astray by philosophy and deception
- Laodicea: become stagnate

(2 Tim 2:18—claimed the resurrection was _____)

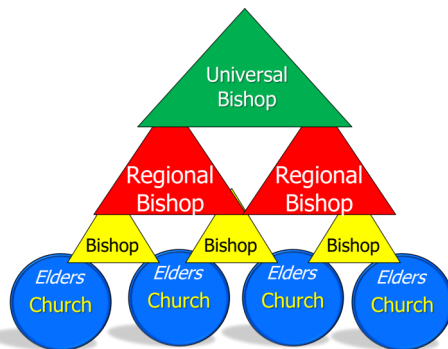
- 2 Jn 7 denied that God came in the _____

John MacArthur: "People do not usually buy into false doctrine purposely. They err because of laziness, ineptness, carelessness or foolishness in handling Scripture."

2 Pet 2:1 Error _____ introduced

Rev 2:15 So you also have some who in the same way _____ the teaching of the Nicolaitans

2. Development of an organization _____ than the local congregation (Phil 1:1)



3. D _____ of God's Word (Mt 15:9)

A.D. 255 distinction between elder and bishops

A.D. 430 worship of Mary

A.D. 600 Prayers to Mary and dead saints

A.D. 788 Worship of Mary

- Council of Constantinople (869) decreed that written tradition was authority
- Council of Toulouse (1229) forbade laity from having a Bible

In 2 Corinthians 11:28 Paul expresses the "daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches." The ESV states: "...my anxiety for all the churches."

Matthew 16:18

God envisioned a group of saved people that were united and standing upon His _____

A group of saved people that would honor God in name through _____

They would _____ the risen Christ

They would _____ to God's law

They would look after and care for one _____

They would _____ spiritually and become a mighty influence by pointing people to Jesus

God would be the _____ of their lives

Three Separate Events Led to God's Dream Nearly Being Lost

1. A gradual _____ from the truth
 - (a) the _____ upon which they were united was gone
 - (b) without a foundation, spiritual _____ took over
- Acts 15:1 circumcision was required for salvation
 - 1 Cor 15:12 d _____ of resurrection

- Each of us are responsible to _____ God's word and to _____ with the Lord (Col 3:16; Acts 17:11)
- We must be _____ about the times we live in
- We must stand _____ on the ancient Gospel (1 Cor 15:58)