

RENOVATION – 1 of 3

We'll pick up on the MISNOMER theme soon, but first, three on RENOVATION.

To renovate, is to tear out the old and replace it with the new. It is typically resisted by those who find security in things as they are but met with enthusiasm by those who envision something better. It often leads to replacing something that has been useful to us. It is costly, and there is usually some mess in the process, but in the end we're glad we did it.

For hundreds of years the organized church had been the bastion of faith and morality. It had preserved Christianity through the centuries and has carried the Gospel to the Nations. We will forever owe a debt of gratitude to those who have gone before us in that era of the Kingdom of God. But this is a new Day.

WARNED

In Mt. 5:13-16, Jesus charged the Church to be salt and light, and warned of the consequence of failing to do so.

He and the Apostles called us to be separate from the world, but in some ways that really matter the difference is often hard to see. They forbade us to love the world and the things of the world, but we do. They warned us to be alert to the Day, but we are not.

The consequences are unavoidable. Our failure to embrace our salt and light responsibility in a Day when they are more desperately needed than ever, is calling those consequences to descend upon us as part of what God is doing in these Last Days.

THE SHAKING

Storm clouds are gathering, and distant thunder is heard by those who have eyes to see and ears to hear. Renovation is coming. What can be shaken will be shaken, and much of what we know as "church" can be shaken. The wheat will be separated from the chaff. And the sheep from the goats. And the merely religious, from authentic followers of Christ.

Part 2 tomorrow.

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