

Jesus is Coming to Destroy as well as Restore

I read a blog article some time ago by a person who left I-HOPKC primarily because they didn't like Mike Bickle's focus.¹ This article was an exposé of Mike's organisation and it did highlight some real concerns.

The blog author stated that he didn't like Mike talking about Jesus returning to kill people. This apparently offended his post-modern ideology and he migrated from I-HOP teaching to grace teaching and now fellowships with a grace-based group.

Interestingly, Jesus as Executioner may be unpalatable to modern Western generations, but it is the truth. **Jesus is coming to eliminate ALL evil on the Earth as well as all those who align with it.**

The book of Revelation states this. A similar attitude was also aired by Paul in one of his letters to the Ephesian churches. He pointed out that punishment on Jesus' return will be repayment on their behalf (and our behalf) because of the persecution his people have suffered. Here's his note:

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (ESV) – *This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus**. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from² the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.*

Although our focus is not to be on the judgement our returning King unleashes, believers must ascent to it, just as we must ascent to non-believers going to hell for eternity.

Hard facts!

Not everything in the Kingdom is palatable to modern thinking.

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1 – Blaise Foret (10-3-2015) “Why I Left IHOPKC and How I was Treated When I Left // MY STORY” - Blog deleted
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2 – Or *destruction that comes from*