

UNPACKING THE WORD

"THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER"

SERMONIC SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 28:16-20

INSPIRATION FOR SERMON TITLE - ECCLESIASTES
12:13-14

INSPIRATION FOR SERMON SERIES - *I AM A
CHURCH MEMBER: DISCOVERING THE ATTITUDE
THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE* By Thom Rainer

This sermon concluded the seven sermon series.

Antithesis of the Sermon: It is popular to think that being a member of a church is like membership elsewhere (club, fraternal order, union, sorority, church related group, country club), but it is not. All six chapters of Rainer's text, make this abundantly clear.

Problem of the Sermon: The problem comes when people either don't know the aforesaid truth, or try to "get around it" by religiosity, or some other method. This leads to what Jesus said about false

prophets (Matthew 7:15) and people who decide to disobey (Matthew 15:7-9).

Thesis of the Sermon: The thesis of the sermon is the means by which we get to the fulfillment of the SERMONIC TEXT. In the sermon, I cited Ecclesiastes as the way to get there. Specifically, the reference **“fear God and keep His commandments”** (12 vv.13-14).

Application of the Sermon: The application of the sermon came in the REVIEW of all of Rainer’s SIX PLEDGES in the sermon.

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Faithfully,
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