

ESCHATOLOGY

PRACTICAL

VISION THAT UNITES

This vision of God's goal - the Spirit and the Bride say, COME - integrates the many different elements in

our understanding

and in

our practice

Integrates

Person, Community, & Society

Past, Present & Future

Personal Prayer & Liturgy

Evangelism & Dialogue

Israel, the Church & the Churches

The Human and Creation (Ecology)

PRACTICAL 1: Worship

Our worship takes place as

- members of the one body
- having foundations in the Incarnation, esp. The Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus
- those filled with the Holy Spirit and made heirs of the age to come
- those privileged to cry “Come, Lord Jesus!”

High Point: praying the Our Father together

Holy hands raised to heaven (1 Tim. 2:8)

Togetherness in our longing and in hastening the coming of the Lord

PRACTICAL 2: Evangelization

The second coming of the Lord and the resurrection of the body on the last day belongs to the good news of the Gospel.

He is Risen → We will rise to a
fully glorified human
existence

- Total victory of Jesus over sin, death, & Satan
- Full salvation
- Complete liberation
- Perfect communion

Practical 3: Teaching

Presenting the NOW from the Lord
as foretaste, promise, guarantee

Salvation

Healing

Community

Practical 4: Prophecy

- Prophecy prepares the Church for the future -
- Raising our sights to the level of God's plan
- Reminding us that it can only be the work of the Holy Spirit

- Teaching the Scriptures in a prophetic framework:

Israel

Jesus

Church

Kingdom

CALLINGS

- We discover the complementarity of all the different callings and charisms in the context of the coming King and coming Kingdom
- The fullness of each person's calling is only found in the perspective of the preparation for the Second Coming.

Spiritual gifts only find their full meaning in the light of the coming Kingdom

- * Tongues Rom. 8: 26 - 27; 1 Cor. 14: 2
- Prophecy 2 Peter 1:19 - 21
- Healing

Practical 5: Intercession

By intercession I mean our participation in the prayer of Jesus and the groaning of the Spirit for all that is on the heart of the Lord.

This has to be based on a recognition that we only have a very incomplete sense of what is needed and what God wants.

Thy Kingdom come - and then pray in tongues.

Groaning in Romans 8

1. The whole creation groans: it “has been groaning in travail together until now“ (v. 22).
2. The Spirit-filled Christians groan.
“we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.” (v. 23).
3. The Holy Spirit groans. “the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words” (v. 26).

- “Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling” (2 Cor. 5: 2).
- “For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.” (2 Cor. 5: 4).

CELEBRATING THE LITURGY

Moving the Church towards the completion

By

- Proclamation of the Scriptures
- Homilies expounding the biblical promises
- Uniting ourselves with our high priest Jesus who pleads his blood before the Father and feeds us with his own life
- Praising the God of all life and all blessings united in one body