

# The Assembly of Christ, Part V

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## Key Scriptures (NKJV)

Matthew 24: Jesus warned of persecution

The Desire of Ages, 631

Matthew 24:4-13

Matthew 24:24

Acts 8:18-24

II Thessalonians 2:1-3

II Corinthians 11:26-28

II Corinthians 15:12

Colossians 2:8

Colossians 2:18, Hebrews 1

Jude 12:16

I John 4:1

Revelation 2, 3: Problems in the seven churches

Mystery of Iniquity Already at Work:

- Blending of Christianity and Greek Philosophy
- False Doctrines Enter the Church\*
- False Practices Enter the Church\*\*

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The Great Controversy, 292

Proverbs 4:18

“But the path of the just is like the shining sun,  
that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”

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\*False Doctrines Enter the Church:

Sabbath abandoned in favor of Sunday

Salvation only through the Catholic Church

Salvation by a mixture of faith and works

The mass and host – a re-crucifixion of Jesus

Mary elevated in status

Priesthood

Confession

Purgatory

\*\*False Practices Enter the Church:

Early dependence on government to enforce church decisions,  
Constantine

1. Prayers for the dead ....300 A.D.

2. Making the sign of the cross ....300 A.D.

3. Veneration of angels & dead saints ....375 A.D.

4. Use of images in worship ....375 A.D.

5. The Mass as a daily celebration ....394 A.D.

6. Beginning of the exaltation of Mary; the term, "Mother of God"  
applied at Council of Ephesus ....431 A.D.

7. Extreme Unction (Last Rites) ....526 A.D.

8. Doctrine of Purgatory-Gregory I ....593 A.D.

9. Prayers to Mary & dead saints ....600 A.D.

10. Worship of cross, images & relics ....786 A.D.

11. Canonization of dead saints ....995 A.D.

12. Celibacy of priesthood ....1079 A.D.

13. The Rosary ....1090 A.D.

14. Indulgences ....1190 A.D.

15. Transubstantiation-Innocent III ....1215 A.D.

16. Auricular Confession of sins to a priest ....1215 A.D.

17. Adoration of the wafer (Host) ....1220 A.D.

18. Cup forbidden to the people at communion ....1414 A.D.

19. Purgatory proclaimed as a dogma ....1439 A.D.

20. The doctrine of the Seven Sacraments confirmed ....1439 A.D.

21. Tradition declared of equal authority with Bible by Council of Trent  
....1545 A.D.

22. Apocryphal books added to Bible ....1546 A.D.

23. Immaculate Conception of Mary ....1854 A.D.

24. Infallibility of the pope in matters of faith and morals, proclaimed  
by the Vatican Council ....1870 A.D.

25. Assumption of the Virgin Mary (bodily ascension into heaven  
shortly after her death) ....1950 A.D.

26. Mary proclaimed Mother of the Roman Catholic Church ....1965  
A.D.