

“Privileges, Opportunities and Power, Oh My” John 7:39-44

A civilization begins a period in human history with believers only or with innocent people only and ends with a devastating judgement.

And in the devastating judgement, the entire population of the world is destroyed, except for believers, who begin the next civilization.

So, a civilization is like a dispensation or age, a period of history but it has different beginning and end points with the exception of the Millennium.

Each civilization has its own climate, its own environment and its own characteristics within the species; such as with man who has a different life span in each civilization and the weather and the animals are different but each species remains; there is no transmutation of species as some suggest.

Each civilization begins with a divine blessing and terminates with a divine judgement, except the last one which has no termination, so there is no end to God’s blessings for believers

in resurrection bodies!

The Church Age is unique with many privileges:

1. Union with Christ

2. The protocol plan of God

3. *Mystery Doctrine*

4. Our Eternal Savings Account

5. The Equality Factor

6. *The Royal Commissions*

7. The Indwelling Trinity

8. The Availability of Divine Power

9. The Completed Canon of Scripture

10. Invisible Heroes

The Church Age is a unique experiment of power.

1. An operation to discover an unknown principle or effect.

2. *A demonstration of a known truth.*

3. A tangible measurable result of a policy.

4. A demonstration of power.

Experimental (adj.) is defined as relating to or based on personal experience as distinct from theory.

The Church Age has unique precedence.

The great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ has two applications:

1. It serves as permanent separation between the Age of Israel and the Church Age.

2. It serves as precedent for the unique experiential plan of God for the Church.

Precedence from the Age of Israel skips over the Church Age and continues into the Tribulation and Millennium with some refinements.

In Old Testament history, visible heroes comprised less than one percent of believers but in the Church Age, ANYONE who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior can become an invisible hero and have great impact on history.

The Lord Jesus Christ made the transition from visible to invisible Hero and everything that made Him an invisible Hero has been provided for us to become like Him in that way today!