

## Hallmarks of Christianity in this new emerging age



For many reasons we believe that we've crossed an epic threshold into a new Biblical age. From both secular and Biblical history, we can clearly see that each age has its uniquely God-ordained emphasis and graces. So, what does this newly emerging age hold for us?

In a pointed prophetic word, God said, **"I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity on earth in one generation"** (Mike Bickle - 1982). Each of us will have to evaluate the veracity and the possible outworking of this statement. But if you believe it to be true, what could possibly be substantial enough to make people have a different impression of Christianity? Is it more polished preachers, glitzier media, shorter meetings... OR... more prayer, healings, miracles and a few more resurrections from the dead? Here are just a few inspiring possibilities which would certainly change everyone's perceptions of Christianity!

1. **Victory over death - the final enemy**... immortality of the saints (I Cor 15:26) (Isa 65:20, 22)
  - a. *"And now He has revealed this grace through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has **abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...**"* - II Tim 1:10
  - b. *"For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. **When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."** "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"* - 1 Cor 15:53-55
  - c. *"To those... in doing good, **seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life.**"* – Rms 2:7
  - d. Paul - *"I tell you a mystery: **We will not all sleep** (die), **but we will all be changed**"* – I Cor 15:51
  - e. Consider: What impact would a culture of immortals and immortality have on the rest of the world?
2. **Transfiguration** – Greek *metamorphoo* - Clothed in glory light - changed into another form
  - a. Transfiguration is the Biblical evidence that our mind has been sufficiently renewed (Rms 12:2)
  - b. *"Arise shine for **your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you**"* – Isa 60:1-3
  - c. Ex 34:29-35, Matt 17:2, Mk 9:2-3, Lk 9:29, Rms 12:2, II Cor 3:16, Acts 6:15... and Catholic mystics' accounts
3. **Our corporate gatherings meet in Heavenly places** – All attendees become aware of Heavenly surroundings
  - a. *"We **have come...** to the church of the firstborn, **whose names are written in heaven**"* – Heb 12:23
  - b. **The first corporate ascension:** *"Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they **saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity... they saw Him, and they ate and drank.**"* – Ex 24:9-11
  - c. Other passages: Isa 2:2-3, Mic 4:1-2, Zech 1-3, Lk 9:28-35
4. **Our corporate gatherings physically travel across the earth**
  - a. *"Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and **immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.**"* – Jn 6:21
  - b. [Ladies of the Golden Candlestick](#) – whole intercessory group 'left' for days and came back with artifacts
5. **Participation of angels manifested among us** – with our open-eyed awareness
  - a. *"Large army of angels"* appeared to the Shepherds heralding that, *"a Savior is born in Bethlehem"* - Lk 2:8-15
  - b. *"For He shall give His angels **charge over you, to keep you in all your ways...**"* – Ps 91:11
  - c. *"... **many lamps** (possibly angels) in the **upper room** where they were **gathered together.**"* – Acts 20:8
  - d. Day of Pentecost – *"tongues of fire sat upon each one"* – to usher saints into a new dispensation – Acts 2:2-3
  - e. Angelic forms and manifestations: Heb 1:7, Matt 28:3, Acts 2:2-3, II Kng 2:11, II Kng 6:17, Isa 6:2-3, Heb 13:2
6. **Participation of the saints in manifested form in our gatherings** – guest speaking, encouraging, exhorting
  - a. Jesus the **Pattern Son**... held a meeting on Mt of Transfiguration and **two 'guys' show up** – Lk 9:28-31-35
  - b. Sadhu Sundar Singh reports in ['The Mystery of the Maharishi of Mt Kalish'](#) that a 300-year-old Christian saint visits and intercedes for people around the world
  - c. Chris Reed prophesied – John the Revelator is alive in Turkey and will help people understand his book – Revelations ([see video](#))
  - d. Possible church announcement: *"Next week Abraham will be speaking to our gathering."* (or Elijah, David... )