

Intro. We stop and think about things, seriously consider the state of affairs, then ask "What happened?"

1. Whatever happened to morals? 1 Corinthians 6:18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is outside the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body."

a. Whatever happened to modesty? People exposing their bodies.

c. Whatever happened to pure language? Colossians 4:6 "Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

2. Whatever happened to honesty? Romans 12:17 "...provide things honest in the sight of all men."

a. Stealing rampant. No longer considered wrong by many. 1 Peter 4:15 "Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."

3. Whatever happened to truth? Colossians 3:9 "Lie not one to another, seeing you have put off the old man with his deeds."

a. Gospel truth comes from only one source. John 17:17

4. Whatever happened to godly marriages? Genesis 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh." Matt. 19:5; & Mark 10:7 this concept is repeated.

a. Homosexual or lesbian unions are condemned by God. Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:24-27

b. Multiple marriages and divorces all too common

5. Whatever happened to worship? Luke 4:8 "...thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve."

a. Worship based on love. Matthew 22:37 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart....soul....mind."

6. Whatever happened to obedience? Romans 6:16-18 Are we serving sin? or are we serving righteousness?

7. Whatever happened to respect, honor, & courtesy? Ephesians 5:21 "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Conclusion: Looking inwardly, Each of us can ask ourselves,

1. "What happened to the sheer joy of worship we once felt?"

2. "What happened to the strong desire to convert others to Christ?"

Finding out what happened is only part of the equation. Now, we have to decide what we are going to do about it.

INVITATION: