

Why It's Important to Study &/or Believe in Full (aka Genuine/Actual) Preterism

1. Generally speaking, Berean-minded people (those commended by God Himself in Acts 17:11) are (likewise today) those who have a real hunger and thirst for truth; their humility drives them toward knowledge and consistency in thought they don't yet possess, feeling that if God troubled Himself enough to reveal it to us, then it's significant enough for us to do our best to understand it. (See my biblical open-mindedness article upon which my website [<http://ASiteForTheLord.com>] is based.)
2. Especially since it cannot be justly divorced from soteriology, instead of asking why we should understand biblical eschatology—something which hints at a dislike for the study of prophecy, we should consider Paul's words: "don't despise prophecies, but test all things, holding fast to what's good" (1 The. 5:20-21). Constantly *not* despising a testing of our stand on prophecy is significant, especially in our world of such eschatological mess.
3. Since so many songs we teach through (Col. 3:16) concern eschatology, and since we should of course desire to avoid teaching anything false (especially one lie always leads to another), we should crave as much certainty in our beliefs as possible in order to do our best to correctly apply every passage; for example, if the preterist view of eschatology is factual, then it puts a stop to the constant failed date-settings for the end of the world that has done nothing but create atheists among us.
4. God's people being as unified as possible on any / all biblical topics (unified on a "thus saith the Lord" [cf. 1 Cor. 1:10]) is *surely* most pleasing to our Father and making for a much better witness to the world by His people.
5. Speaking of pleasing God, certainly He desires that His people share His ACTUAL good news, not merely a portion of it; i.e., if we're *still* in the "now-but-not-yet" stage of the Lord's finished work, then the news isn't presently good, it's *still* (as it was for thousands of years before Christ) in the process of being worked out! Surely, after all our God and His Son endured, the desire is for us to relieve those who are merely hoping and not having, for (as Proverbs 13:12 says) "Hope deferred [as it continues to be via futurism] makes the heart sick; BUT when the desire is fulfilled, it's a tree of life." Now that's *true* good news!
6. Surely God's people should be ready to defend Him, His Son, and His Word whenever possible; so when Jesus &/or His disciples are being called lunatics or liars, we should be prepared to defend them against those who would darken their lights in the world! We should thus be quick to "shut the mouths" of futurists of all varieties, as well as Muslims, Jews, atheists, etc. who actually use Christianity's discord related to eschatology and unfulfilled prophecies against us. And, from a political standpoint...
7. Our globe would be *much* better off if Christendom agreed on the truth of *biblical* end-times since numerous foreign policies (many—especially zionistic ones—which lead us into wars and thus thousands of senseless deaths) are founded on our "Christian" beliefs about biblical eschatology (Israel, Jerusalem, etc.). Besides all of this...

Full/Genuine/Consistent/Actual Preterism succeeds in the giving us a much richer overall understanding of the Bible from the Genesis Adam to the Last Adam, an understanding that includes the purpose of its narrative content and the process through which that purpose (of accomplished redemption) was brought to fruition. (Tony Denton May 2016)