

Maranatha: The Lord is Coming! **Part 7**

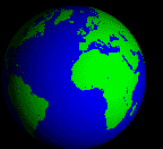


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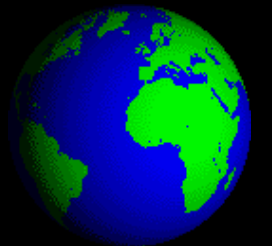
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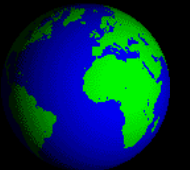


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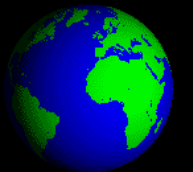
Get into the Ark **Sanctuary**



**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Endive

Health Benefits of Endive (Seek Medical Advice)

Curly endive and escarole are part of the chicory family (*Cichorium endivia*). But what's commonly known as Belgian or French endive is actually called Witloof chicory (*Cichorium intybus*). Witloof chicory grows in tight cylindrical heads that separate into leaves that look like little scoops. The paler the colour of the leaves, the milder their flavour.

Half a cup (25 grams) of chopped endive contains: Calories: 4, Carbohydrates: 0.8g, fibre: 0.8g, Calcium: 13mg, Potassium: 79mg, Folate: 36ug, etc...

The dark leafy green, endive has many potential health benefits:

1. Endive is a good source of folate. Folate may also play a role in heart health.
2. May Help Prevent Cancer: It has kaempferol which is linked to a lower risk of certain cancers, such as colon, liver, and skin.
3. Keeps Your Heart Healthy: rich in potassium that plays a role in the function of your nerves, muscle, kidney, and heart.
4. Helps Maintain a Healthy Weight: Endive is nearly 95 percent water and is low in calories. It's also high in fibre.

Precaution: Endive Allergy - Allergies to endive aren't common, but it's possible to have such an allergy.

- Scientists say that chicory may cross-react with birch pollen, and lead to birch pollen-associated oral allergy syndrome.

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Endives

 cancer fighters

 weight loss

 eye health

Did you know?
The juice of the endive helps protect against asthma attacks.

Endives are rich in antioxidants.

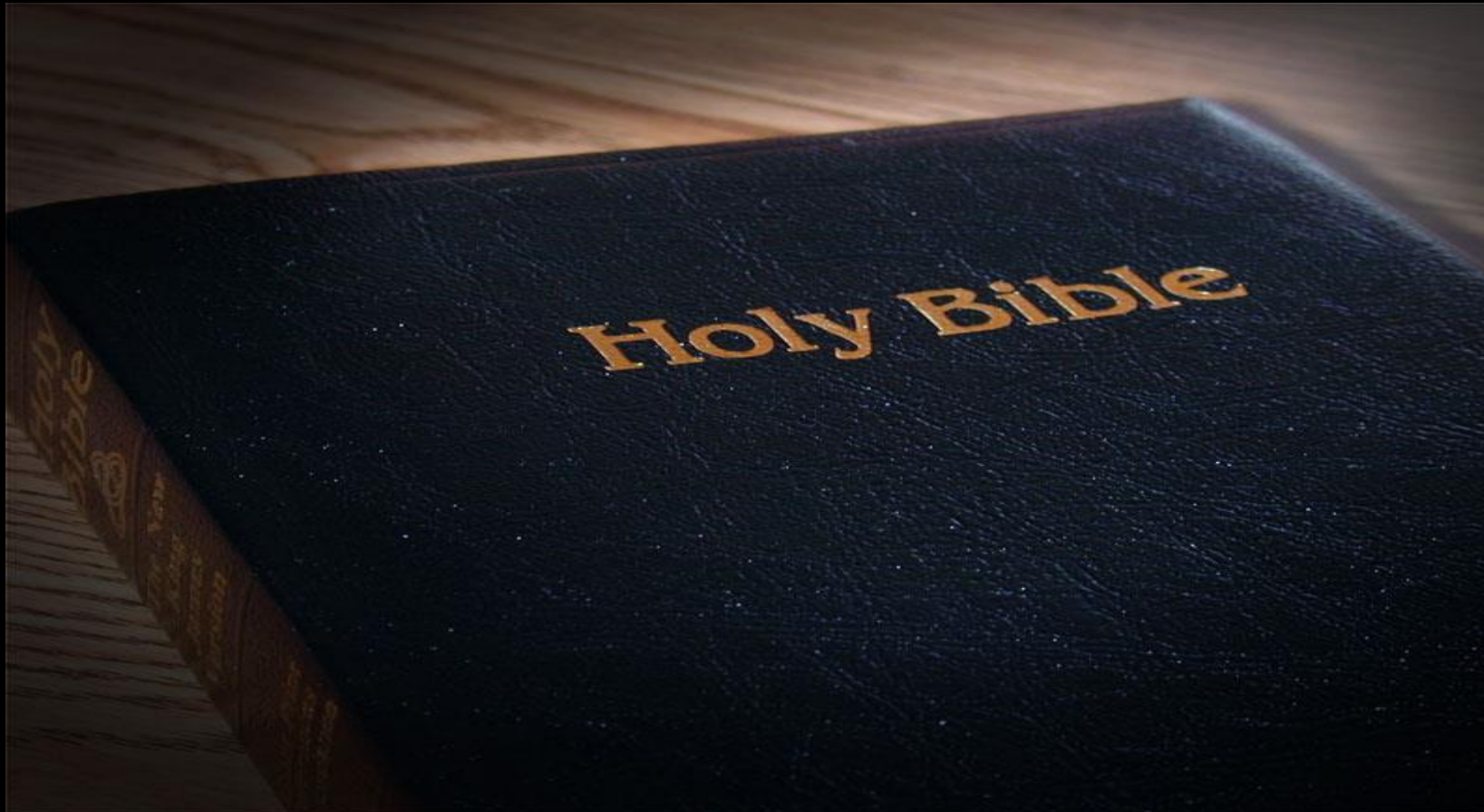
Endives contain high levels of vitamin A and beta-carotene. Both of these compounds are known to act as antioxidants. Beta-carotene converts to vitamin A in the body. These compounds are known to help protect from oral and lung cancers.

Provide...
vitamin A
vitamin C
vitamin E
vitamin K
calcium
potassium
zinc
iron
riboflavin
copper

B-complex
Endives are rich in essential B-complex groups of vitamins such as folic acid, pantothenic acid, thiamin and niacin. These vitamins are required for the metabolism of protein and fat.

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Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



Yes, we Can!



"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." - John 5:28-29



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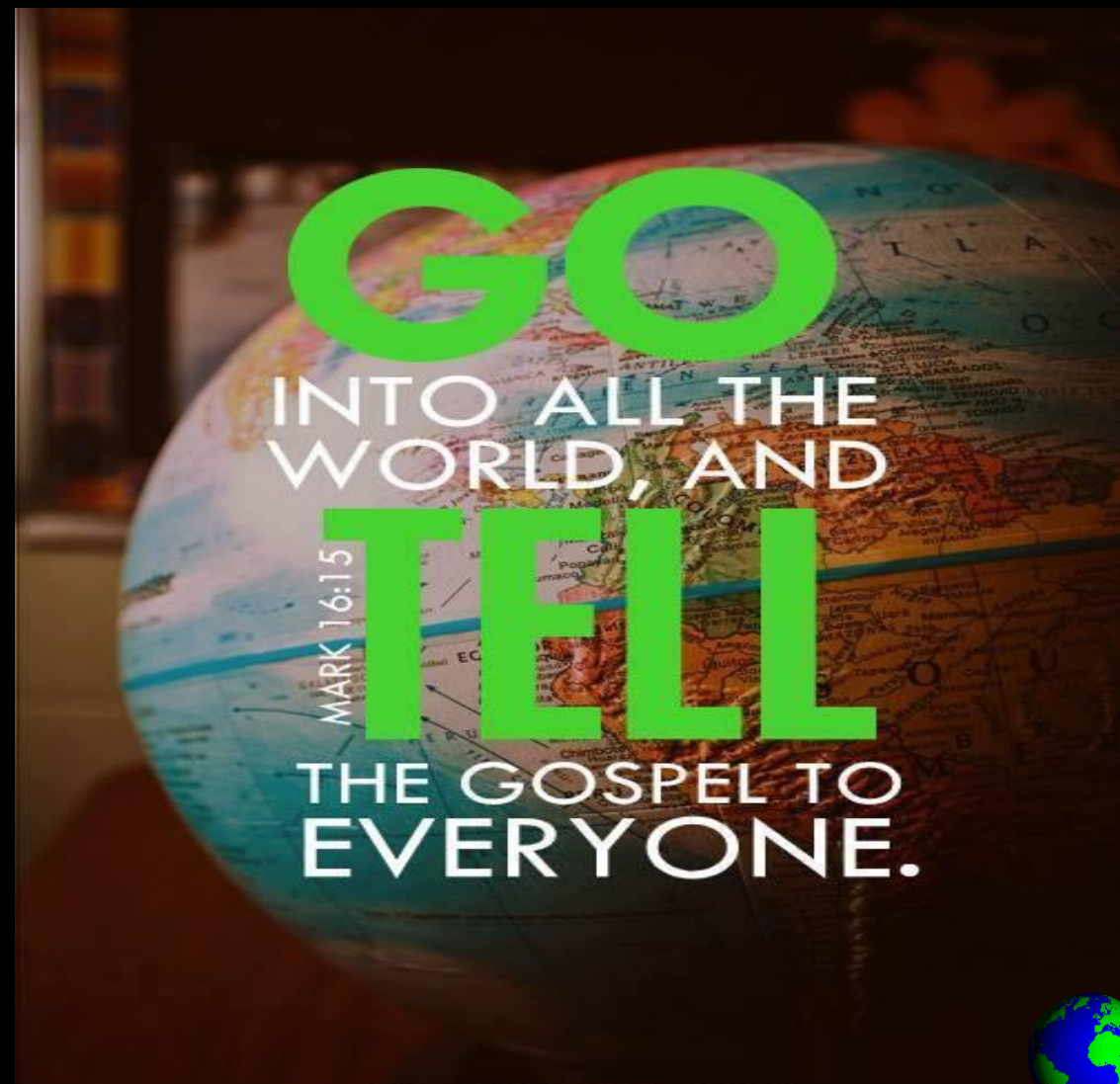
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Greatest Work in the World

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [Mark 16:15](#).

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is Christ's command to His followers. Not that all are called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of the term; but all may be workers with Him in giving the "glad tidings" to their fellow men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given. [Maranatha 99.1](#)

Upon every one who knows the truth for this time rests the responsibility of making it known to others. [Maranatha 99.2](#)



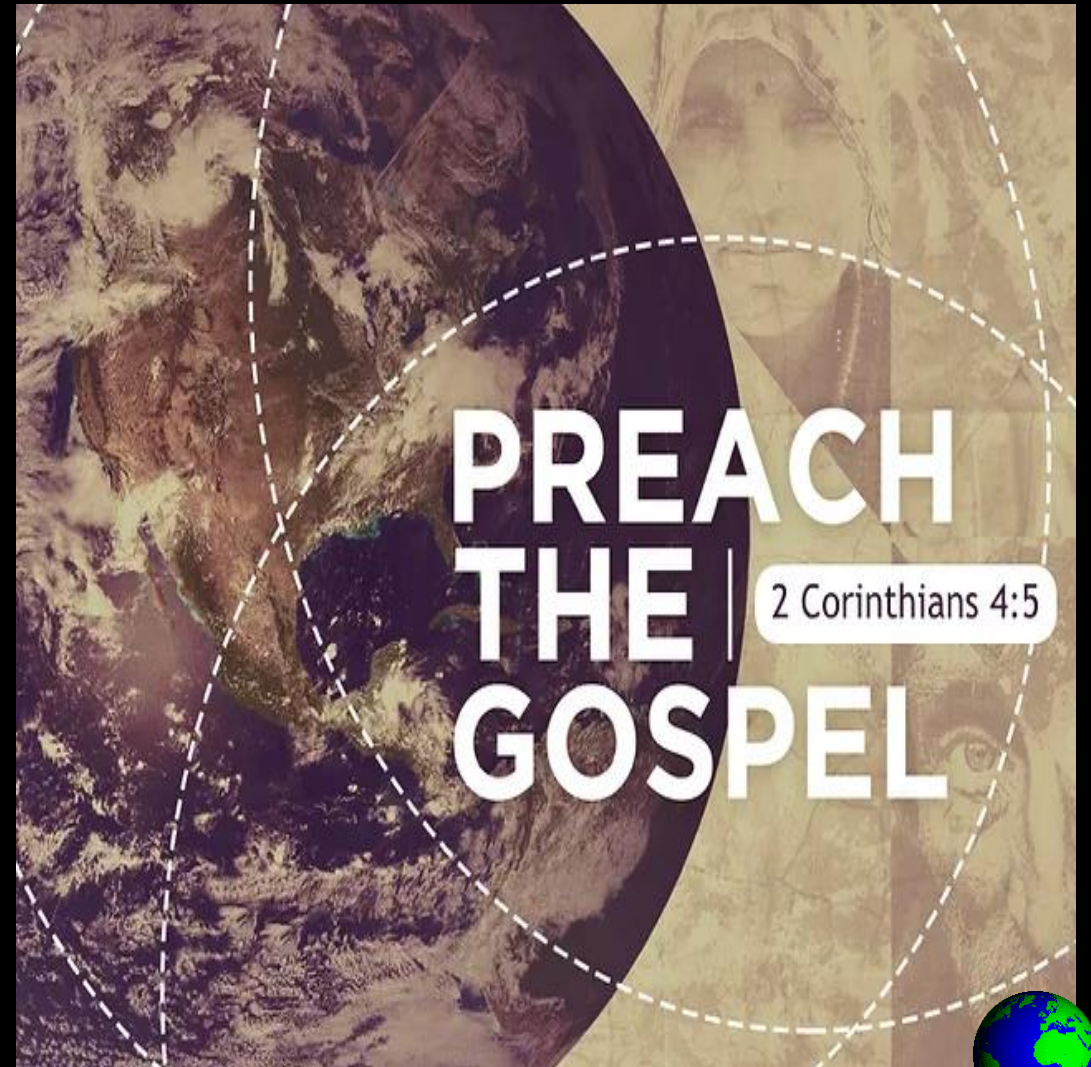
Greatest Work in the World (cont'd)

The servants of Christ are in a large measure responsible for the well-being and the salvation of the world. They are to be co-labourers with God in the work of winning souls to Christ.

[Maranatha 99.2](#)

The theme that attracts the heart of the sinner is Christ, and Him crucified. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus stands revealed to the world in unparalleled love. Present Him thus to the hungry multitudes, and the light of His love will win men from darkness to light, from transgression to obedience and true holiness. Beholding Jesus upon the cross of Calvary arouses the conscience to the heinous character of sin as nothing else can do. [Maranatha 99.3](#)

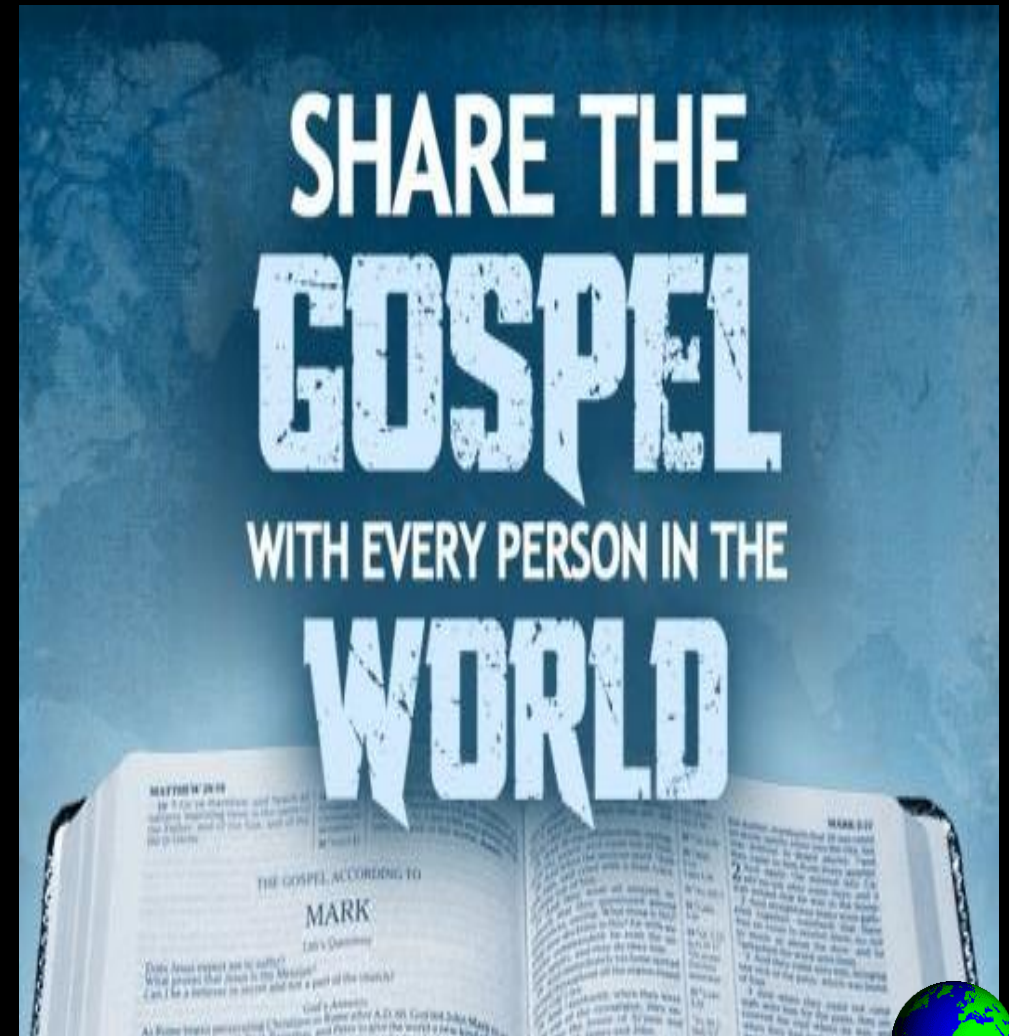
Will not our church members keep their eyes fixed on a crucified and risen Saviour, in whom their hopes of eternal life are centred?



Greatest Work in the World (cont'd)

This is our message, our argument, our doctrine, our warning to the impenitent, our encouragement for the sorrowing, the hope for every believer. If we can awaken an interest in men's minds that will cause them to fix their eyes on Christ, we may step aside, and ask them only to continue to fix their eyes upon the Lamb of God. . . . He whose eyes are fixed on Jesus will leave all. He will die to selfishness. He will believe in all the Word of God, which is so gloriously and wonderfully exalted in Christ. [Maranatha 99.4](#)

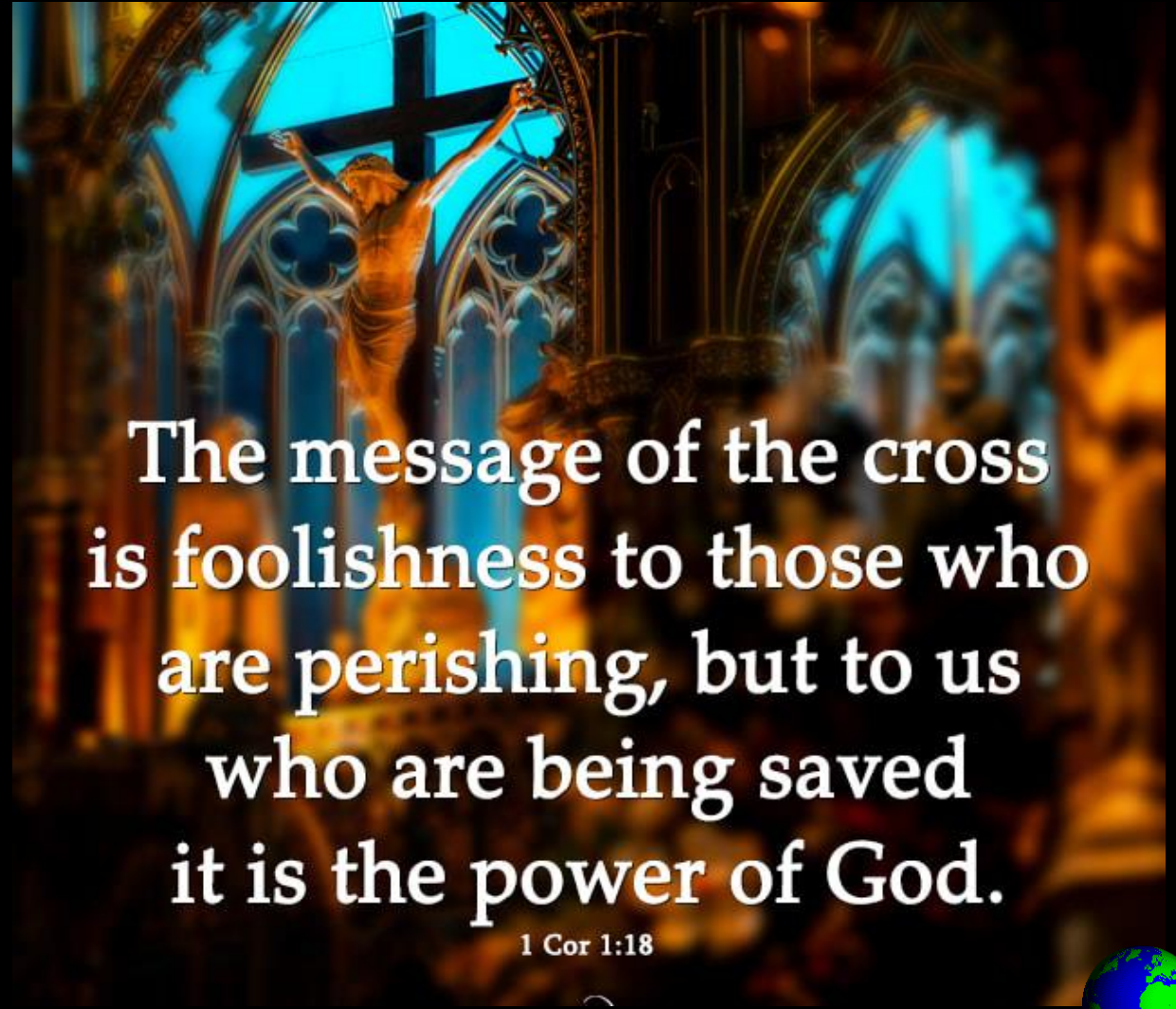
It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain. [Maranatha 99.5](#)



The Message of the Cross

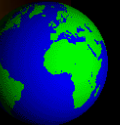
God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Galatians 6:14.

God has given me a message for His people. . . . You have been bought with a price, and all that you have and are is to be used to the glory of God and for the good of your fellow men. Christ died on the cross to save the world from perishing in sin. He asks your cooperation in this work. You are to be His helping hand. With earnest, unwearying effort you are to seek to save the lost. . . . [Maranathan 100.1](#)



The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Cor 1:18

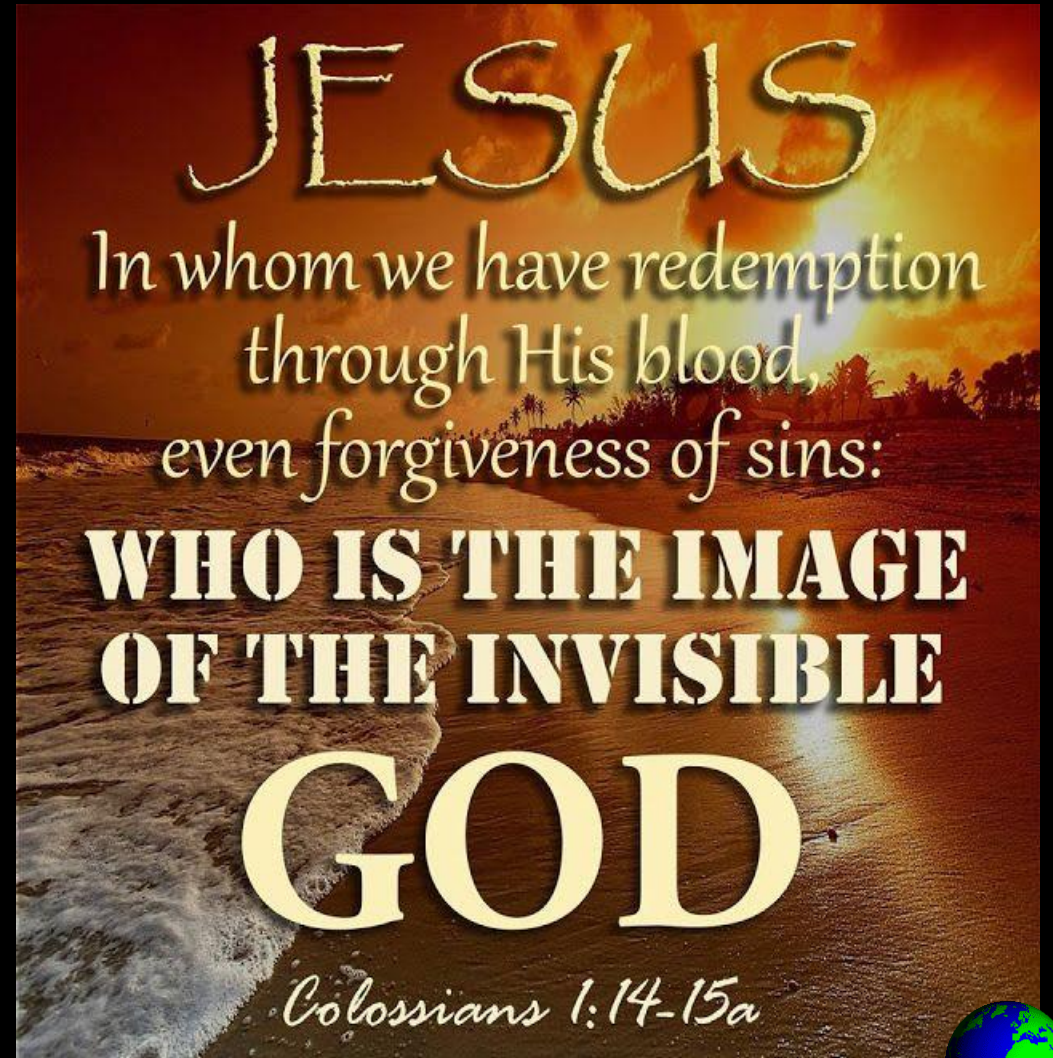


The Message of the Cross (cont'd)

The transforming power of Christ's grace moulds the one who gives himself to God's service. . . . No longer can he be indifferent to the souls perishing around him. . . . He realizes that every part of his being belongs to Christ, who has redeemed him from the slavery of sin; that every moment of his future has been bought with the precious lifeblood of God's only-begotten Son.

[Maranatha 100.2](#)

Have you so deep an appreciation of the sacrifice made on Calvary that you are willing to make every other interest subordinate to the work of saving souls? The same intensity of desire to save sinners that marked the life of the Saviour marks the life of His true follower. The Christian has no desire to live for self. He delights to consecrate all that he has and is to the Master's service. He is moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ. . . . [Maranatha 100.3](#)



The Message of the Cross (cont'd)

How can I best glorify Him whose I am by creation and by redemption? This is to be the question that we are to ask ourselves. With anxious solicitude the one who is truly converted seeks to rescue those who are still in Satan's power. . . . [Maranatha 100.4](#)

We have now only a little time in which to prepare for eternity. . . . People need the truth, and by earnest, faithful effort it is to be communicated to them. Souls are to be sought for, prayed for, laboured for. . . . [Maranatha 100.5](#)

Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. . . . God calls upon His church to arise and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world, perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened.

[Maranatha 100.6](#)



Motivated by Love

And this commandment we have from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. [1 John 4:21](#).

Love is the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. . . . When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within--when the sunshine of heaven fills the heart and is revealed in the countenance. . . . [Maranatha 101.1](#)

Connected with Christ, we are connected with our fellow men by the golden links of the chain of love. Then the pity and compassion of Christ will be manifest in our life. We shall not wait to have the needy and unfortunate brought to us.

[Maranatha 101.2](#)

LOVE GOD ↑
LOVE PEOPLE →



Motivated by Love (cont'd)

We shall not need to be entreated to feel for the woes of others. It will be as natural for us to minister to the needy and suffering as it was for Christ to go about doing good. . . . [Maranatha 101.2](#)

The glory of heaven is in lifting up the fallen, comforting the distressed. . . . No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste is recognized by God. . . . All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to God.

His love is so broad, so deep, so full, that it penetrates everywhere. It lifts out of Satan's circle the poor souls who have been deluded by his deceptions. It places them within reach of the throne of God, the throne encircled by the rainbow of promise. . . . [Maranatha 101.3](#)



The more
consistent our love
relationship with
Jesus, the more
capacity we have to
love.



Motivated by Love (cont'd)

Christ is seeking to uplift all who will be lifted to companionship with Himself, that we may be one with Him as He is one with the Father. He permits us to come in contact with suffering and calamity in order to call us out of our selfishness; He seeks to develop in us the attributes of His character--compassion, tenderness, and love. . . . [Maranatha 101.4](#)

"If thou wilt keep my charge," the Lord declares, "*I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by*"--even among the angels that surround His throne. ([Zechariah 3:7.](#))

By cooperating with heavenly beings in their work on earth, we are preparing for their companionship in heaven.

[Maranatha 101.5](#)

AND NOW
THESE THREE REMAIN;
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE
IS LOVE.

I CORINTHIANS 13:13



The Place to Begin Witnessing

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. [Psalms 144:12](#).

Our work for Christ is to begin with the family in the home. . . . There is no missionary field more important than this. [Maranatha 102.1](#)

Happy are the parents whose lives are a true reflection of the divine, so that the promises and commands of God awaken in the child gratitude and reverence; the parents whose tenderness and justice and long-suffering interpret to the child the love and justice and long-suffering of God; and who, by teaching the child to love and trust and obey them, are teaching him to love and trust and obey his Father in heaven. [Maranatha 102.2](#)



The Place to Begin Witnessing (cont'd)

Parents who impart to a child such a gift have endowed him with a treasure more precious than the wealth of all the ages--a treasure as enduring as eternity. [Maranatha 102.2](#)

God wants every child of tender age to be His child, to be adopted into His family. Young though they may be, the youth may be members of the household of faith and have a most precious experience. They may have hearts that are tender and ready to receive impressions that will be lasting. They may have their hearts drawn out in confidence and love for Jesus, and live for the Saviour. Christ will make them little missionaries. The whole current of their thought may be changed, so that sin will not appear a thing to be enjoyed, but to be shunned and hated. [Maranatha 102.3](#)



Go and tell
what great things
God has done
for you.

Luke 8:39

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The Place to Begin Witnessing (cont'd)

By precept and example parents are to teach their children to labour for the unconverted. The children should be so educated that they will sympathize with the aged and afflicted and will seek to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and distressed. . . . From their earliest years self-denial and sacrifice for the good of others and the advancement of Christ's cause should be inculcated, that they may be labourers together with God. . . . [Maranatha 102.4](#)

God designs that the families of earth shall be a symbol of the family in heaven. Christian homes, established and conducted in accordance with God's plan, are among His most effective agencies for the formation of Christian character and for the advancement of His work. [Maranatha 102.5](#)



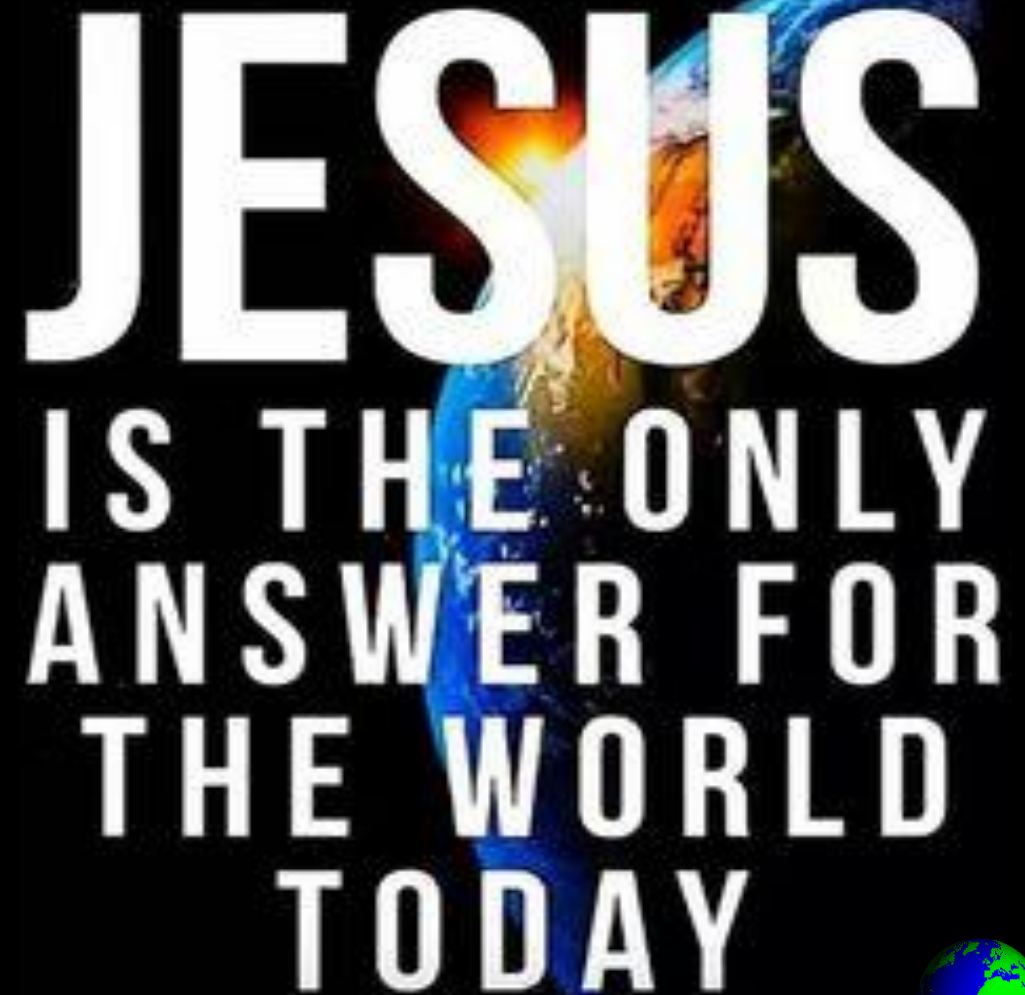
A World in Need

We wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. [Isaiah 59:9](#).

There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in. [Maranatha 103.1](#)

Everywhere there are hearts crying out for something which they have not. They long for a power that will give them mastery over sin, a power that will deliver them from the bondage of evil, a power that will give health and life and peace. Many who once knew the power of God's word have dwelt where there is no recognition of God, and they long for the divine presence.

[Maranatha 103.2](#)



**JESUS
IS THE ONLY
ANSWER FOR
THE WORLD
TODAY**



A World in Need (cont'd)

The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago--a revelation of Christ. A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental, and spiritual, can be accomplished. [Maranatha 103.3](#)

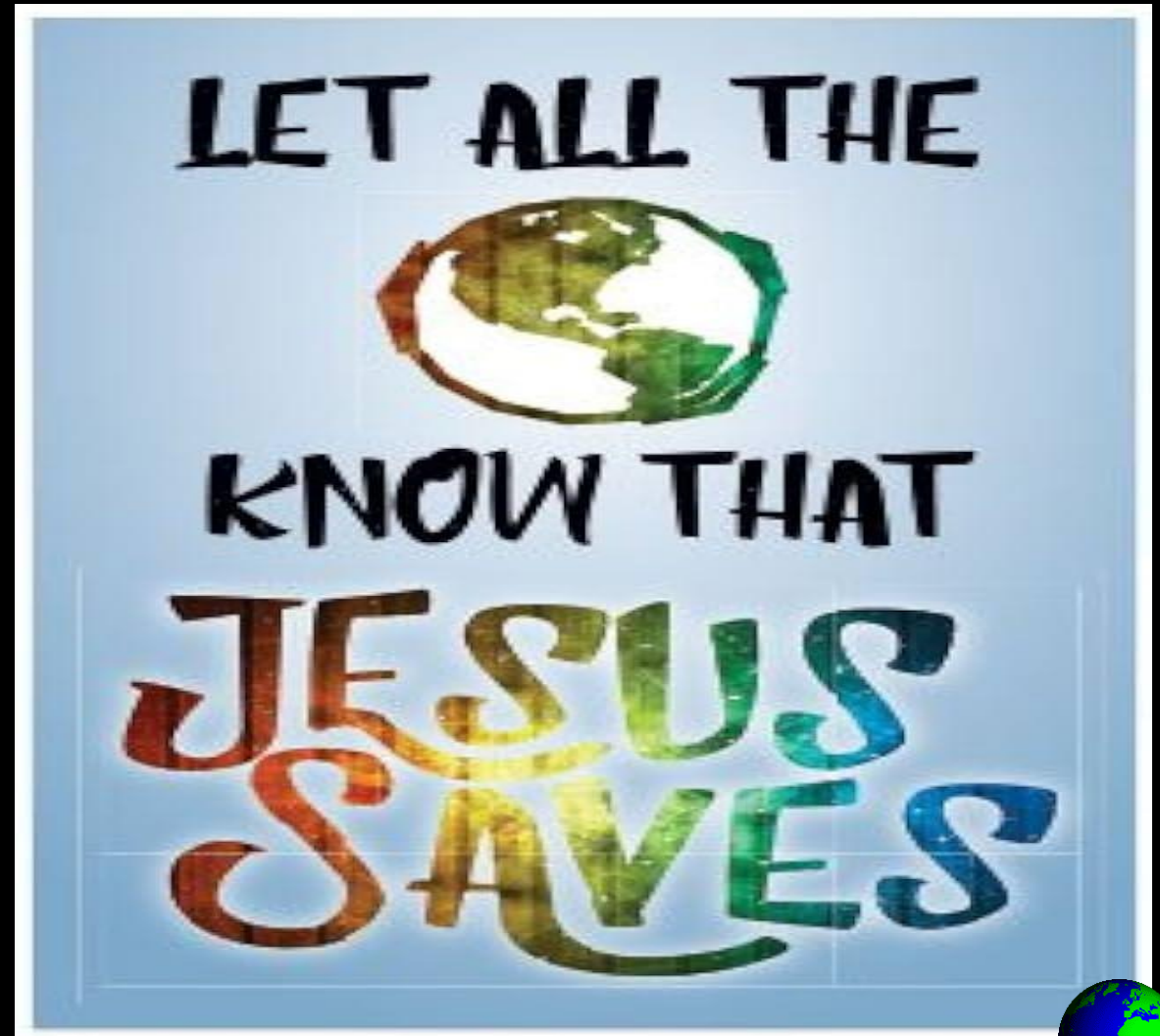
Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow me." [Maranatha 103.4](#)



A World in Need (cont'd)

There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. . . . We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit. [Maranatha 103.5](#)

Heavenly intelligences are waiting to cooperate with human instrumentalities, that they may reveal to the world what human beings may become, and what, through union with the Divine, may be accomplished for the saving of souls that are ready to perish. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. [Maranatha 103.6](#)

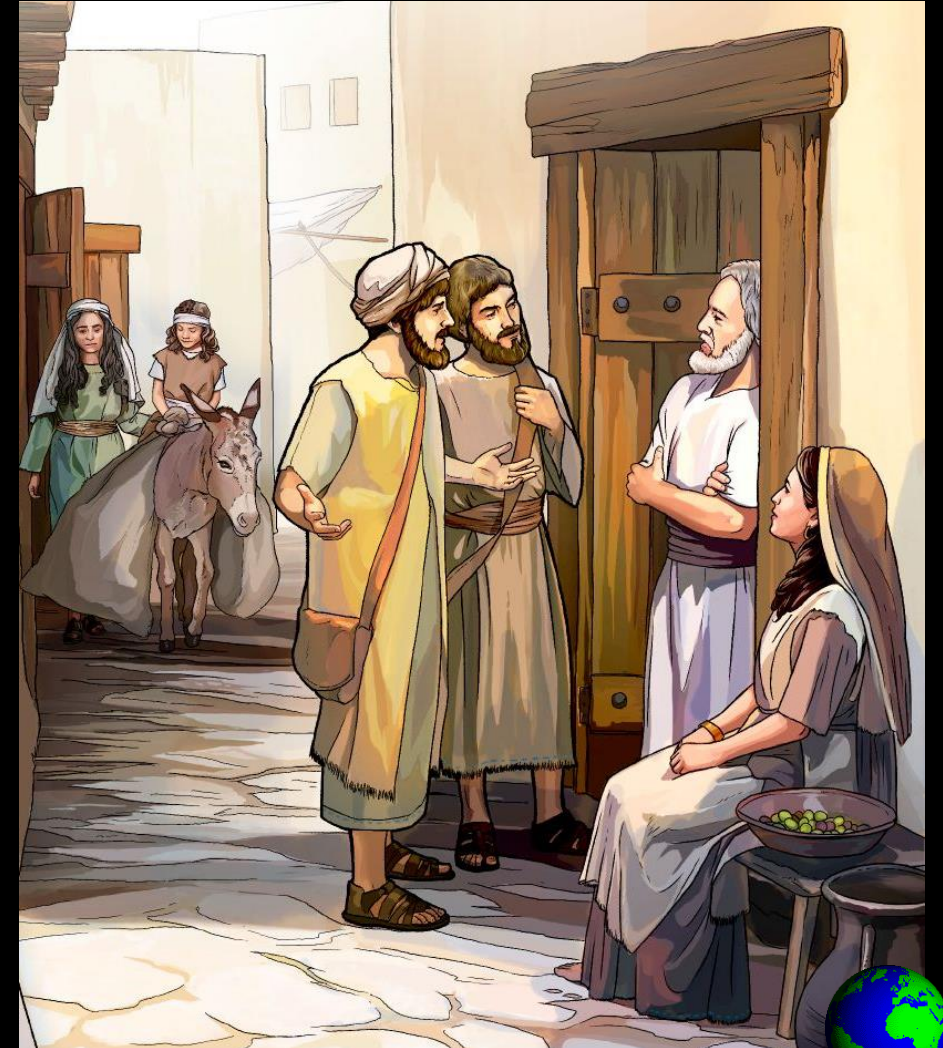


Teaching from House to House

I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house. [Acts 20:20](#).

Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labour in giving Bible readings and distributing literature. . . . As we sow beside all waters we shall realize that "he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." [Maranatha 104.1](#)

Christ's example must be followed by those who claim to be His children. Relieve the physical necessities of your fellow men, and their gratitude will break down the barriers and enable you to reach their hearts. . . . Women as well as men can engage in the work. . . . They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their work is needed. [Maranatha 104.2](#)



Teaching from House to House (cont'd)

Discreet and humble women can do a good work in explaining the truth to the people in their homes. The word of God thus explained will do its leavening work, and . . . whole families will be converted. . . . [Maranatha 104.2](#)

In the home circle, at your neighbour's fireside, at the bedside of the sick, in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth. Precious seed may thus be sown that will spring up and bring forth fruit. . . . [Maranatha 104.3](#)

There is missionary work to be done in many unpromising places. The missionary spirit needs to take hold of our souls, inspiring us to reach classes for whom we had not planned to labour and in ways and places that we had no idea of working. [Maranatha 104.4](#)



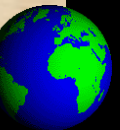
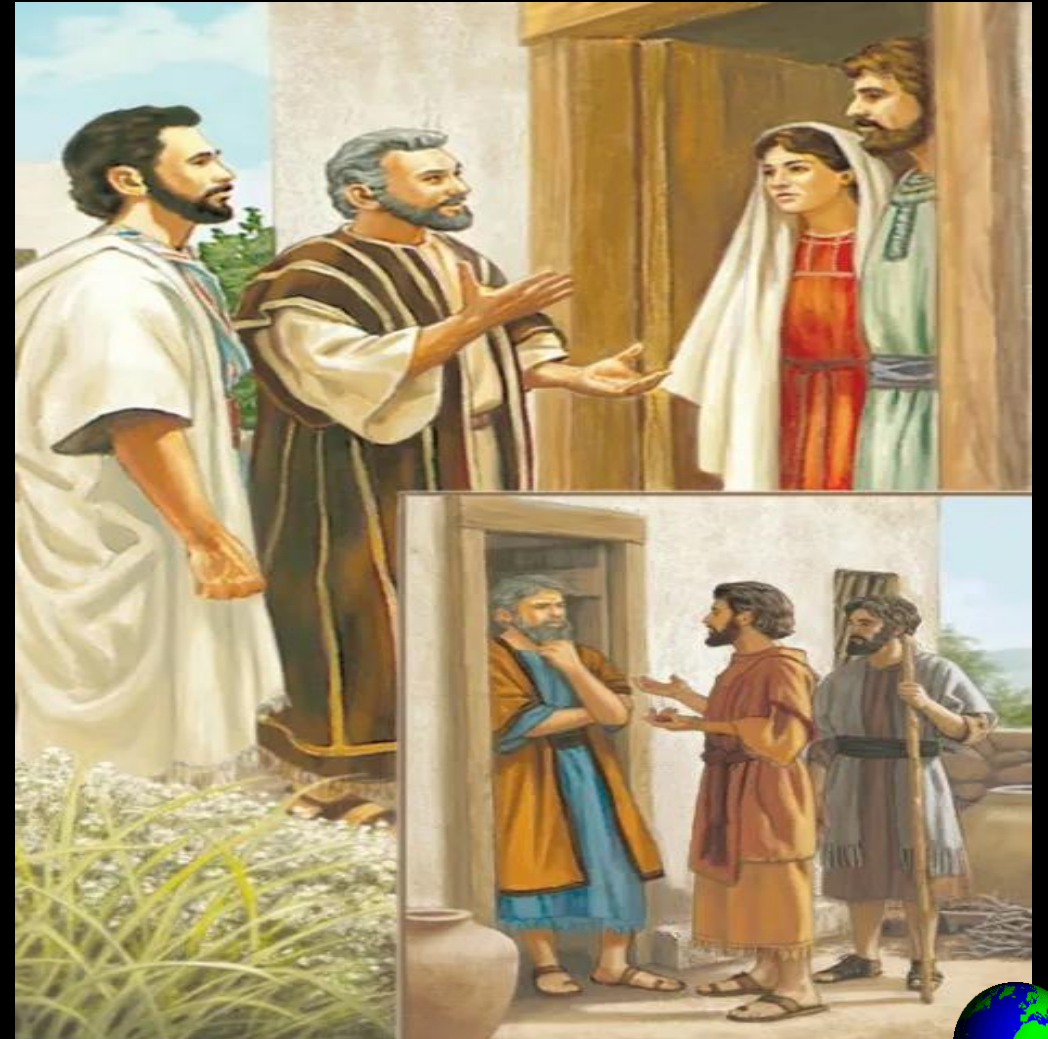
Teaching from House to House (cont'd)

The Lord has His plan for the sowing of the gospel seed. In sowing according to His will, we shall so multiply the seed that His word may reach thousands who have never heard the truth. [Maranatha 104.4](#)

Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to cooperate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ. [Maranatha 104.5](#)

Our sisters, the youth, the middle-aged, and those of advanced years, may act a part in the closing work for this time; and in doing this as they have opportunity, they will obtain an experience of the highest value to themselves. In forgetfulness of self, they will grow in grace.

[Maranatha 104.6](#)



One-to-One Witnessing

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [John 3:16](#).

Why are not all who claim to love God seeking to enlighten their neighbours and their associates, that they may not longer neglect this great salvation? Christ gave Himself to a shameful, agonizing death, showing His great travail of soul to save the perishing. Oh, Christ is able, Christ is willing, Christ is longing, to save all who will come unto Him!

[Maranatha 105.1](#)

Talk to souls in peril and get them to behold Jesus upon the cross, dying to make it possible for Him to pardon. Talk to the sinner with your own heart overflowing with the tender, pitying love of Christ. Let there be deep earnestness; but not a harsh, loud note should be heard from the one who is trying to win the soul to look and live. [Maranatha 105.2](#)



One-to-One Witnessing (cont'd)

First have your own soul consecrated to God. As you look upon our Intercessor in heaven, let your heart be broken.

Then, softened and subdued, you can address repenting sinners as one who realizes the power of redeeming love.

Pray with these souls, by faith bringing them to the foot of the cross; carry their minds up with your mind, and fix the eye of faith where you look, upon Jesus the Sin Bearer.

Get them to look away from their poor, sinful selves to the Saviour, and the victory is won. They behold for themselves the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. They see the Way, the Truth, the Life. [Maranatha 105.3](#)

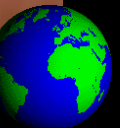


One-to-One Witnessing (cont'd)

The Sun of Righteousness sheds its bright beams into the heart. The strong tide of redeeming love pours into the parched and thirsty soul, and the sinner is saved to Jesus Christ. [Maranatha 105.3](#)

Christ crucified--talk it, pray it, sing it, and it will break and win hearts. This is the power and wisdom of God to gather souls for Christ.

Formal, set phrases, the presentation of merely argumentative subjects, is productive of little good. The melting love of God in the hearts of the workers will be recognized by those for whom they labour. Souls are thirsting for the waters of life. Do not be empty cisterns. If you reveal the love of Christ to them, you may lead the hungering, thirsting ones to Jesus, and He will give them the bread of life and the water of salvation. [Maranatha 105.4](#)

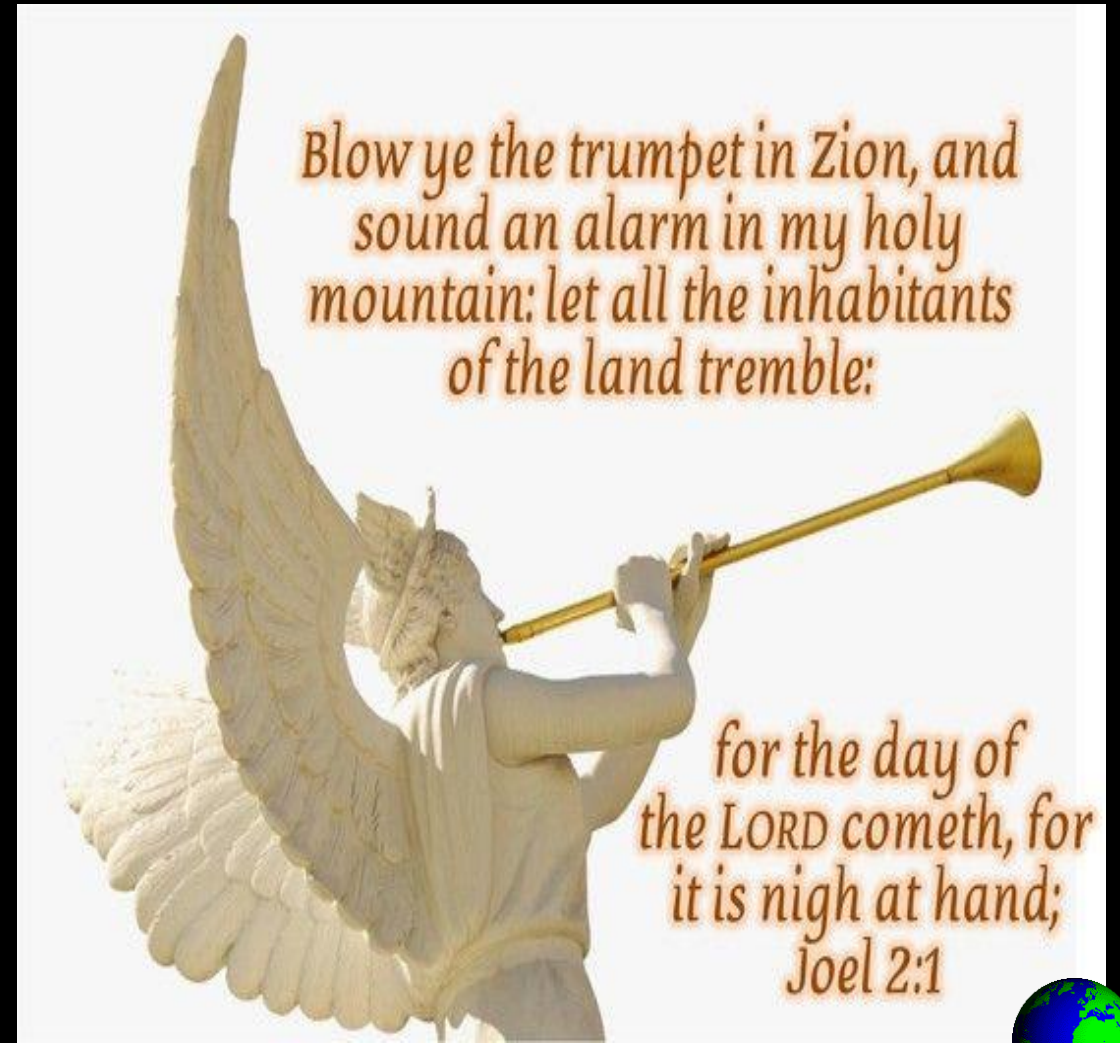


Sound an Alarm!

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand. Joel 2:1.

The things that concern our eternal welfare are now to absorb our attention. We cannot afford to give heavenly things the second place. . . . The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." [Maranatha 106.1](#)

There are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which say so plainly that the end is near, [Maranatha 106.2](#)



Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble:

for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; Joel 2:1

Sound an Alarm! (cont'd)

O how many who have not sought their soul's salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved"! [Maranatha 106.2](#)

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is rapidly fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time--not a moment--to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My lord delayeth his coming."

Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent, and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields. . .

. [Maranatha 106.3](#)



I'm going to a city where there will
be no more night
I'm going to a city where
JESUS IS THE LIGHT!
The trumpet's gonna sound and I'll
be called away
I'm going to that city someday!

*In a moment, in the
twinkling of an eye, at the
last trump: for the trumpet
shall sound, and the dead
shall be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.*

1 Corinthians 15:52



Sound an Alarm! (cont'd)

The Lord is soon to come, and we must be prepared to meet Him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. . . . We must be ready and waiting for His appearing.

O how glorious it will be to see Him, and be welcomed as His redeemed ones! Long have we waited, but our faith is not to become weak. If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever and forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward bound." We are nearing the time when Christ will come with power and great glory, to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home. [Maranatha 106.4](#)



God's Special Message for Today

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. [Romans 13:12](#).

In a time like this, we should have but one object in view-- the employing of every means that God has provided by which the truth may be planted in the hearts of men. . . . It is the duty of every Christian to strive to the utmost of his ability to spread abroad the knowledge of the truth. [Maranatha 107.1](#)

God has waited long, and He is waiting still, to have the beings that are His by both creation and redemption, listen to His voice, and obey Him as loving, submissive children, whose desire is to be near His side, and to have the light of His countenance shining upon them. [Maranatha 107.2](#)

Accept Jesus Christ today

**The biggest mistake
in life is to die
in your sins.**

Revelation 21 : 8

SAYNOTOSIN

Repent today



God's Special Message for Today (cont'd)

We are to bear the third angel's message to the world, warning men against the worship of the beast and his image, and directing them to take their places in the ranks of those who "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." God has not revealed to us the time when this message will close, or when probation will have an end. . . . It is our duty to watch and work and wait, to labour every moment for the souls of men that are ready to perish. . . . [Maranatha 107.2](#)

Now, just now, is the time for us to be watching, working, and waiting. . . . The end of all things is at hand. . . . The Spirit of the Lord is working to take the truth of the inspired word and stamp it upon the soul so that the professed followers of Christ will have a holy, sacred joy that they will be able to impart to others. . . . [Maranatha 107.3](#)



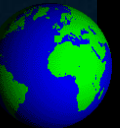
God's Special Message for Today (cont'd)

There is need of a deeper, stronger, more constraining testimony on the power of the truth as seen in the practical godliness of those who profess to believe it. [Maranatha 107.4](#)

We are to have the truth planted in the heart, and teach it to others as it is in Jesus. The world is in a very solemn period; for souls are deciding what will be their eternal destiny. Satan and his angels are continually plotting to make void the law of God, and thus to enslave the souls of men in the toils of sin. The darkness which is covering the earth is deepening, but those who walk humbly with God have nothing to fear. [Maranatha 107.5](#)

For as lightning that
comes from the east is
visible even in the west,
so will be the coming of
the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:27

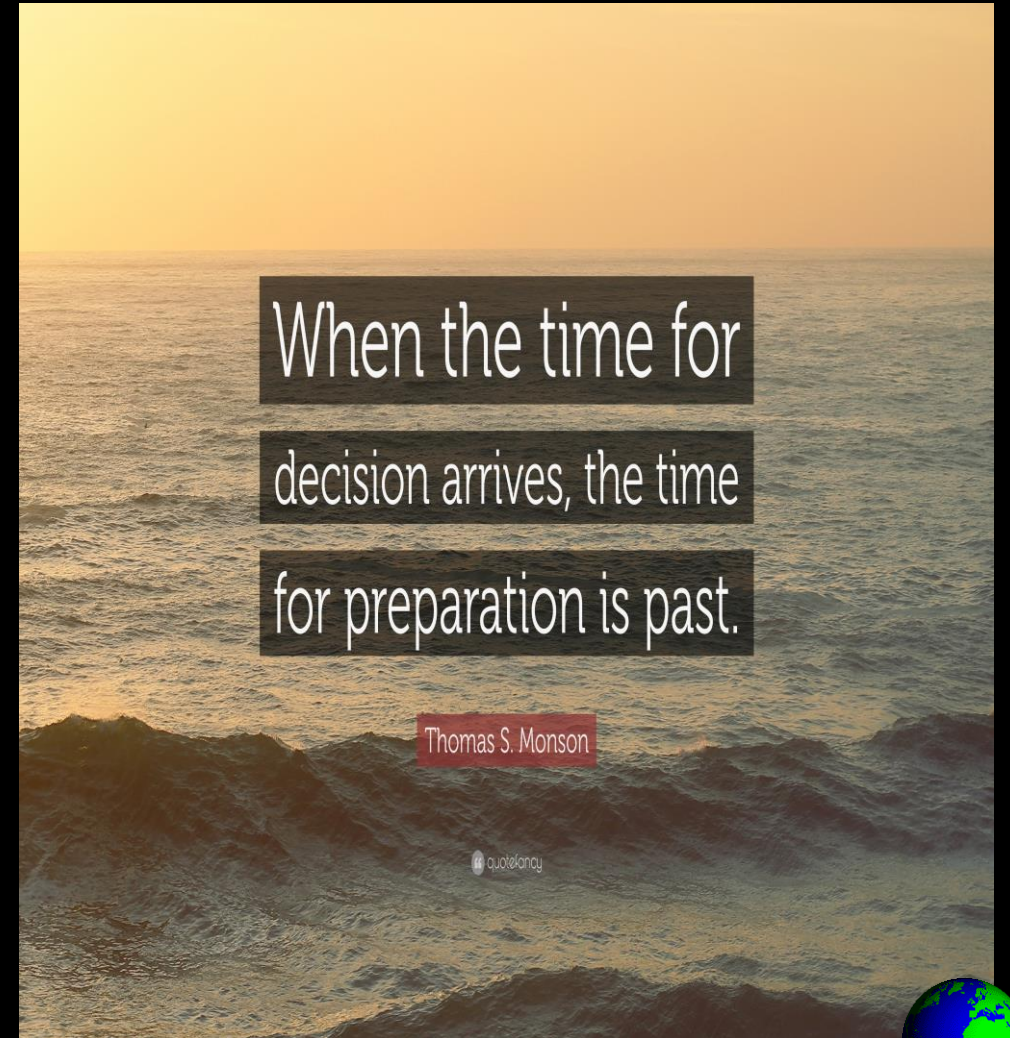


A Time for Decision!

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. [Joshua 24:15.](#)

Today the world is mad: an insanity is upon men and women, and is hurrying them on to eternal ruin. Every species of indulgence prevails, and men have become so infatuated with vice that they will not listen to warnings or appeals. [Maranatha 108.1](#)

The Lord says to the people of the earth, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. God gives no man a message that it will be five years or ten years or twenty years before this earth's history shall close. He would not give any living being an excuse for delaying the preparation for His appearing. [Maranatha 108.2](#)



A Time for Decision! (cont'd)

He would have no one say, as did the unfaithful servant, "My lord delayeth his coming;" for this leads to reckless neglect of the opportunities and privileges given to prepare us for that great day. Everyone who claims to be a servant of God is called to do His service as if each day might be the last. . . . [Maranatha 108.2](#)

Talk of the speedy appearing of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Put not off that day. . . . [Maranatha 108.3](#)

Here is the great burden to be carried by each one. Are my sins forgiven? Has Christ, the burdenbearer, taken away my guilt? Have I a clean heart, purified by the righteousness of Jesus Christ?

[Maranatha 108.4](#)



A Time for Decision! (cont'd)

Woe be to any soul who is not seeking a refuge in Christ. Woe be to all who shall in any way divert the mind from the work, and cause any soul to be less vigilant now. . . . [Maranatha 108.4](#)

The great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal standing in the sight of God. Are our feet on the Rock of Ages? Are we hiding ourselves in the only Refuge? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the Father? Are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? . . .

[Maranatha 108.5](#)

The character of Christ is to be our character. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our hearts. Here is our only safety. Nothing can separate a living Christian from God. [Maranatha 108.6](#)

*There's no
wrong time to
make the right
decision.*




Living to Save Others

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23.

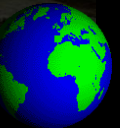
The sin which is indulged to the greatest extent, and which separates us from God and produces so many contagious spiritual disorders, is selfishness. There can be no returning to the Lord except by self-denial. Of ourselves we can do nothing; but, through God strengthening us, we can live to do good to others, and in this way shun the evil of selfishness.

We need not go to heathen lands to manifest our desire to devote all to God in a useful, unselfish life. We should do this in the home circle, in the church, among those with whom we associate and with whom we do business. Right in the common walks of life is where self is to be denied and kept in subordination. [Maranatha 109.1](#)



For whoever wants to save their life *will lose it*, but whoever loses their life ~~FOR ME~~ and for the gospel *will save it*.

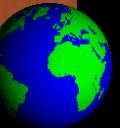
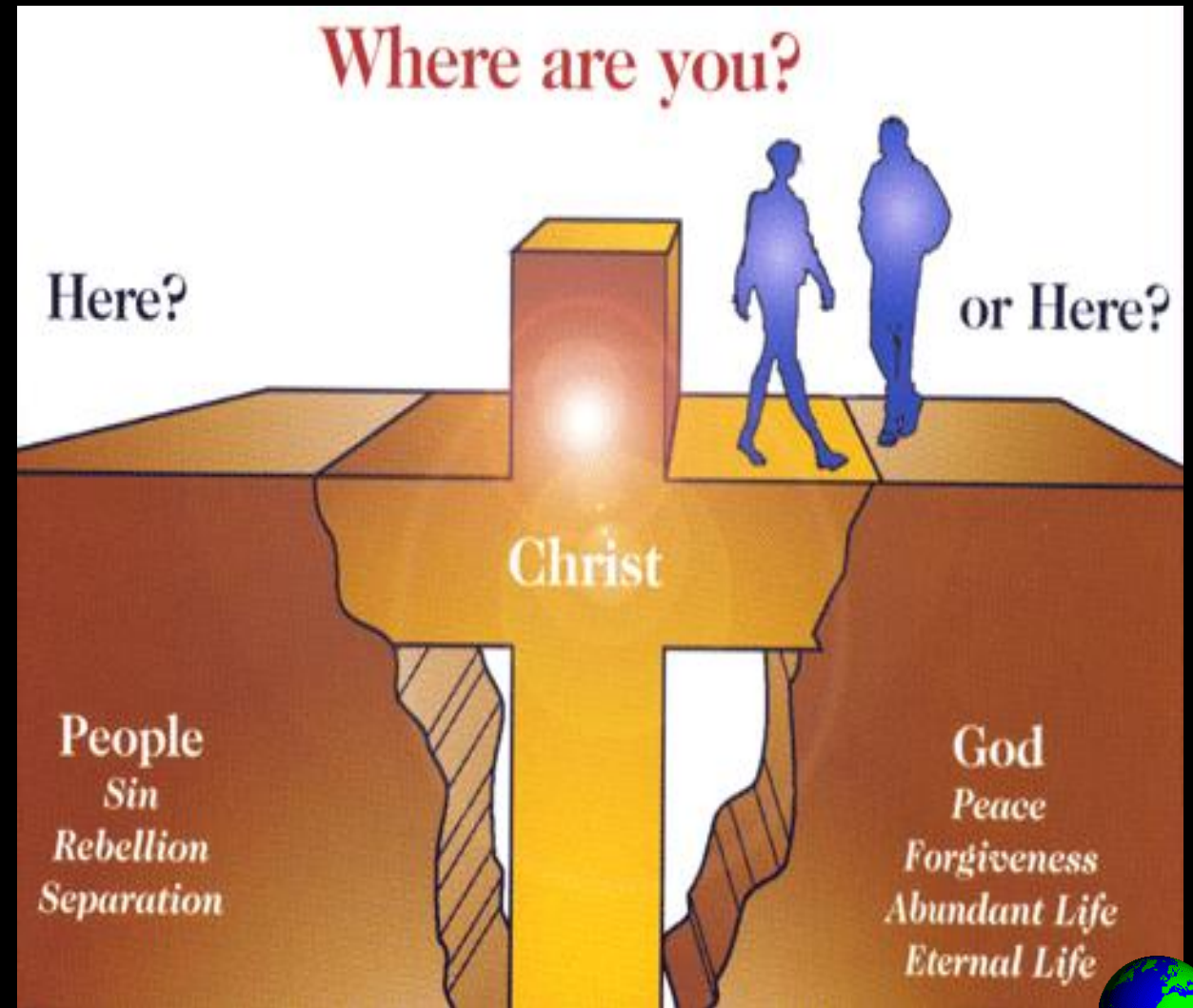
MARK 8:35



Living to Save Others (cont'd)

Paul could say: "I die daily." It is the daily dying to self in the little transactions of life that makes us overcomers. We should forget self in the desire to do good to others. With many there is a decided lack of love for others. Instead of faithfully performing their duty, they seek rather their own pleasure. [Maranatha 109.2](#)

God positively enjoins upon all His followers a duty to bless others with their influence and means, and to seek that wisdom of Him which will enable them to do all in their power to elevate the thoughts and affections of those who come within their influence. In doing for others, a sweet satisfaction will be experienced, an inward peace which will be a sufficient reward. [Maranatha 109.3](#)



Living to Save Others (cont'd)

When actuated by a high and noble desire to do others good, they will find true happiness in a faithful discharge of life's manifold duties. This will bring more than an earthly reward; for every faithful, unselfish performance of duty is noticed by the angels and shines in the life record.

[Maranatha 109.3](#)

In heaven none will think of self, nor seek their own pleasure; but all, from pure, genuine love, will seek the happiness of the heavenly beings around them. If we wish to enjoy heavenly society in the earth made new, we must be governed by heavenly principles here. [Maranatha 109.4](#)

The greatest work that can be done in our world is to glorify God by living the character of Christ. [Maranatha 109.5](#)



“In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.”

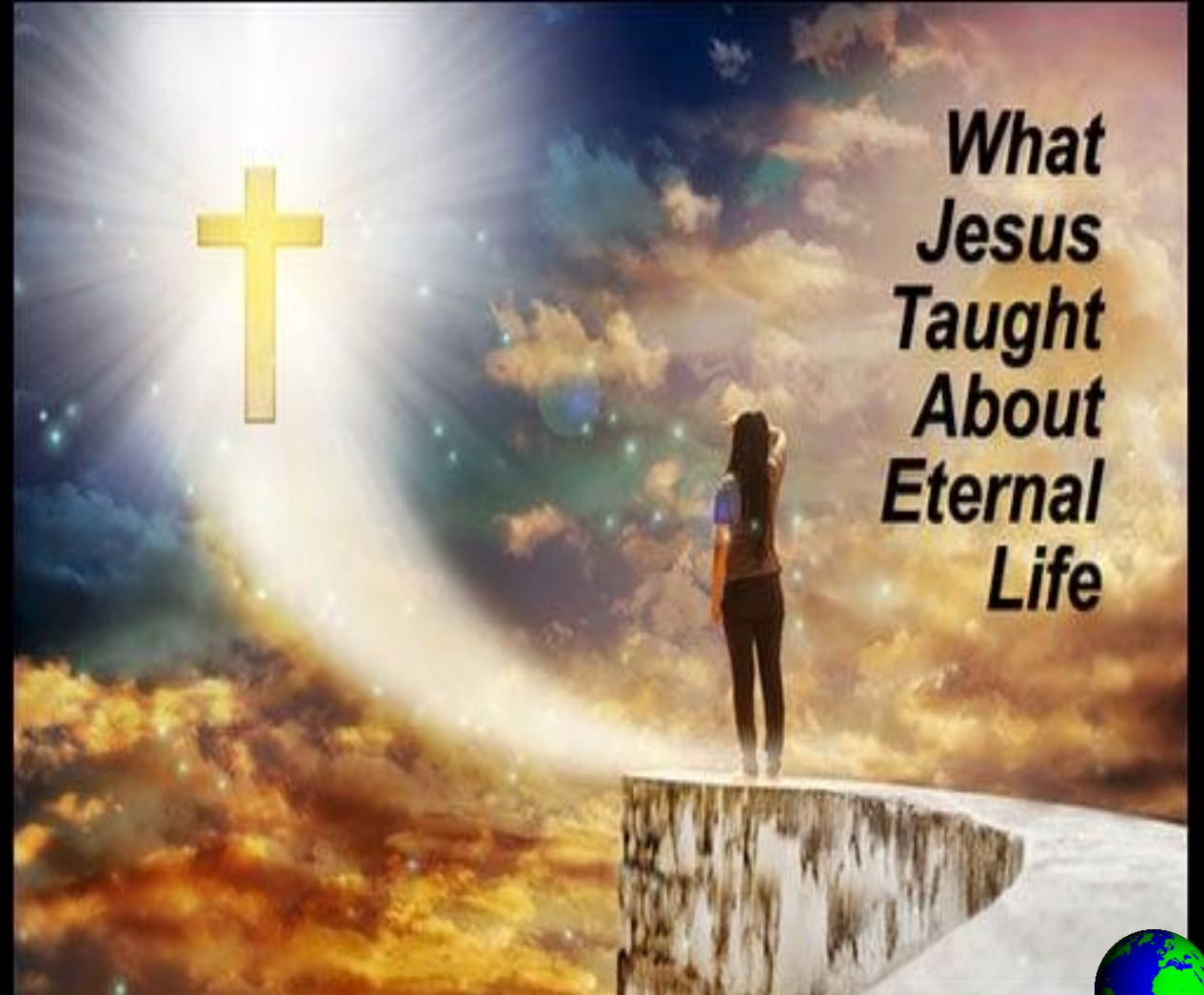
MATTHEW 5:16



Pathway to Life

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. [Matthew 7:13, 14.](#)

Christ calls upon us to enter the narrow pathway, where every step means a denial of self. He calls upon us to stand upon the platform of eternal truth, and contend, yes, contend earnestly, for the faith once delivered to the saints. . . . [Maranatha 110.1](#)



**What
Jesus
Taught
About
Eternal
Life**



Pathway to Life (cont'd)

As we near the time when principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places will be fully brought into the warfare against the truth, when Satan's deceptive power will be so great that, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect, our discernment must be sharpened by divine enlightenment, that we may not be ignorant of Satan's devices. . . .

By giving us the cooperation of the holy angels, God has made it possible for our work to be . . . a glorious success. But success will seldom result from scattered effort. The united influence of all the members of the church is required. [Maranatha 110.2](#)

The church today needs men who, like Enoch, walk with God, revealing Christ to the world. Church-members need to reach a higher standard.



John 3:16

For God *so loved* the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



Pathway to Life (cont'd)

Heavenly messengers are waiting to communicate with those who have sunk self out of sight, whose lives are a fulfilling of the words, "I live; ye not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Of such men and women must the church be composed before her light can shine forth to the world in clear, distinct rays. Our views of the Sun of Righteousness are clouded by self-seeking. Christ is crucified afresh by many who through self-indulgence allow Satan to gain control over them. . . . [Maranatha 110.3](#)

It is God's purpose that all shall be tested and tried, that He may see whether they are loyal or disloyal to the laws that govern the kingdom of heaven. To the last, God permits Satan to reveal himself as a liar, an accuser, and a murderer. Thus the final triumph of His people is made more marked, more glorious, more full and complete. [Maranatha 110.4](#)



In Partnership with Christ

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. [John 15:5](#).

The end is near! God calls upon the church to set in order the things that remain. Workers together with God, you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom. You are to be God's living agents, channels of light to the world, and round about you are angels of heaven with their commission from Christ to sustain, strengthen, and uphold you in working for the salvation of souls. . . . [Maranatha 111.1](#)

Stand out separate and distinct from the world--in the world, but not of it, reflecting the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, being pure, holy, and undefiled, and in faith carrying light into all the highways and byways of the earth.

[Maranatha 111.2](#)



In Partnership with Christ (cont'd)

Let the churches awake before it is everlastingly too late. Let every member take up his individual work and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called. Let sound faith and earnest piety take the place of slothfulness and unbelief. When faith lays hold upon Christ, the truth will bring delight to the soul, and the services of religion will not be dull and uninteresting.

... Daily you will have a rich experience as you practice the Christianity you profess. Sinners will be converted. ... [Maranatha 111.3](#)

Oh, that all may arouse and manifest to the world that theirs is a living faith, that a vital issue is before the world, that Jesus will soon come. Let men see that we believe that we are on the borders of the eternal world.

[Maranatha 111.4](#)



In Partnership with Christ (cont'd)

The upbuilding of the kingdom of God is retarded or urged forward according to the unfaithfulness or fidelity of human agencies. The work is hindered by the failure of the human to cooperate with the divine. Men may pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"; but if they fail of acting out this prayer in their lives, their petitions will be fruitless.

But though you may be weak, erring, and sinful, the Lord holds out to you the offer of partnership with Himself. He invites you to come under divine instruction. Uniting with Christ, you may work the works of God. "Without me," Christ said, "ye can do nothing."

Maranatha 111.5



Representatives of the Saviour

Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. [1 Peter 2:12](#).

God expects those who bear the name of Christ to represent Him. . . . They are to be a sanctified, purified, holy people, communicating light to all with whom they come in contact. . . . [Maranatha 112.1](#)

The followers of Christ are to be separate from the world in principles and interests, but they are not to isolate themselves from the world. The Saviour mingled constantly with men, not to encourage them in anything that was not in accordance with God's will, but to uplift and ennoble them. *"I sanctify myself," He declared, "that they also might be sanctified."* [John 17:19](#).



Representatives of the Saviour (cont'd)

So the Christian is to abide among men, that the savour of divine love may be as salt to preserve the world from corruption. . . .

[Maranatha 112.2](#)

The power of a higher, purer, nobler life is our great need. The world is watching to see what fruit is borne by professed Christians. . . .

Impressions favourable or unfavourable to Bible religion are constantly being made on the minds of all with whom we have to do.

[Maranatha 112.3](#)

And God and the angels are watching. God desires His people to show by their lives the advantage of Christianity over worldliness, to show that they are working on a high, holy plane. He longs to see them showing that the truth they have received has made them children of the heavenly King. [Maranatha 112.4](#)



Representatives of the Saviour (cont'd)

He longs to make them channels through which He can pour His boundless love and mercy. [Maranatha 112.4](#)

Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of the Saviour shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim His own. It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten, the coming of our Lord. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel! Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come. [Maranatha 112.5](#)



Conclusion:

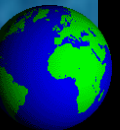
A Character the World will Recognize

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. [Philippians 2:15](#).

It is God's purpose to manifest through His people the principles of His kingdom. That in life and character they may reveal these principles, He desires to separate them from the customs, habits, and practices of the world. . . .

By beholding the goodness, the mercy, the justice, and the love of God revealed in His church, the world is to have a representation of His character. And when the law of God is thus exemplified in the life, even the world will recognize the superiority of those who love and fear and serve God above every other people in the world. [Maranatha 113.1](#)

In Christ...
we are blessed
we are chosen
we are holy and blameless before God
we are redeemed
we are forgiven
we are rich
we are predestined
we are sealed



Conclusion:

A Character the World will Recognize (cont'd)

Seventh-day Adventists, above all people, should be patterns of piety, holy in heart and in conversation. To them have been entrusted the most solemn truths ever committed to mortals.

Every endowment of grace and power and efficiency has been liberally provided. They look for the near return of Christ in the clouds of heaven. For them to give to the world the impression that their faith is not a dominating power in their lives is greatly to dishonour God. [Maranatha 113.2](#)

Because of the increasing power of Satan's temptations, the times in which we live are full of peril for the children of God, and we need to learn constantly of the Great Teacher, that we may take every step in surety and righteousness. [Maranatha 113.3](#)



Be ye
therefore
perfect, even
as your Father
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Matthew 5:48

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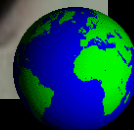


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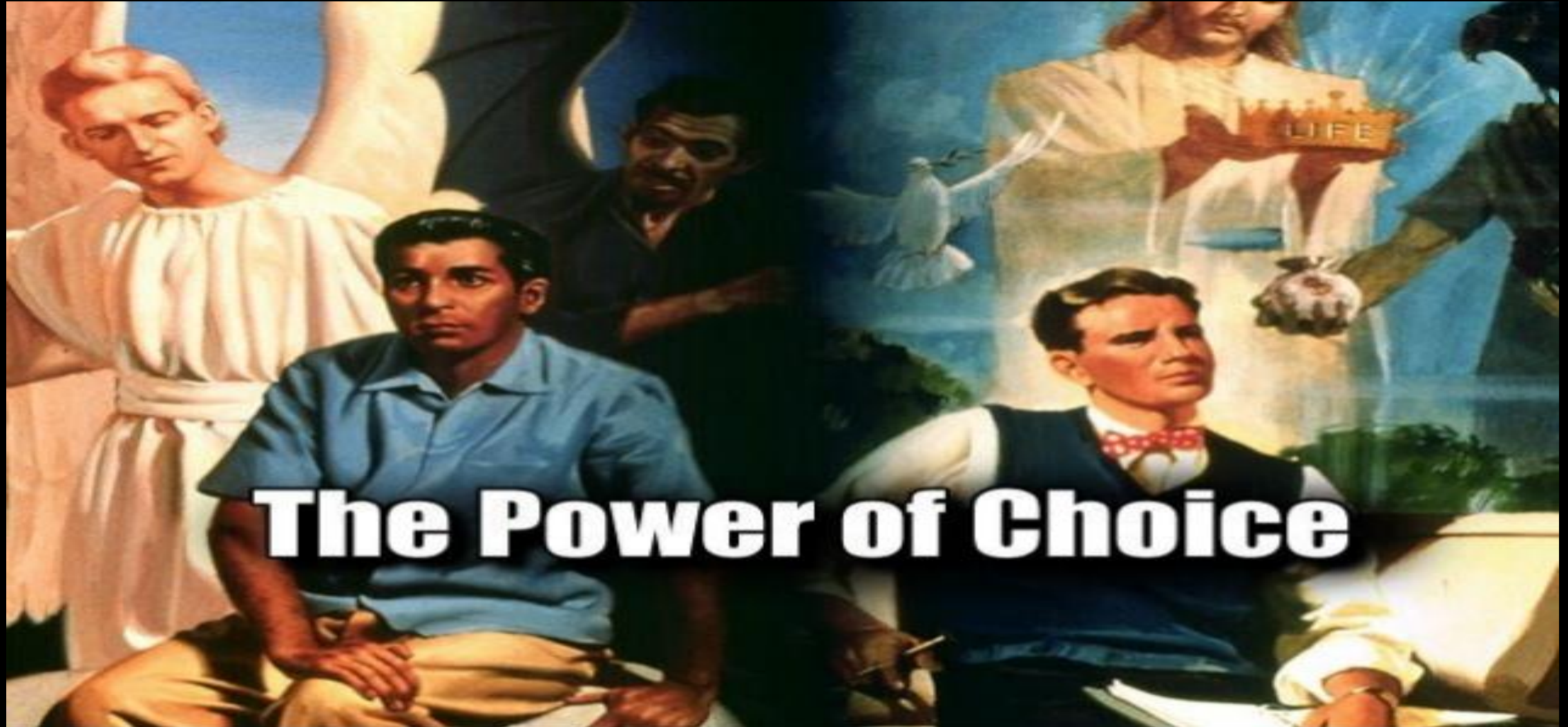
A Character the World will Recognize (cont'd)

Wonderful scenes are opening before us; and at this time a living testimony is to be borne in the lives of God's professed people, so that the world may see that in this age, when evil reigns on every side, there is yet a people who are laying aside their will and are seeking to do God's will--a people in whose hearts and lives God's law is written. . . . [Maranatha 113.3](#)

Their thoughts are to be pure, their words noble and uplifting. The religion of Christ is to be interwoven with all that they do and say. They are to be a sanctified, purified, holy people, communicating light to all with whom they come in contact. It is His purpose that by exemplifying the truth in their lives, they shall be a praise in the earth. The grace of Christ is sufficient to bring this about. [Maranatha 113.4](#)



God has given all:



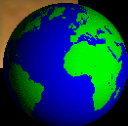
The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?