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The Lord is Coming as a Thief

Jesus Christ says in Revelation 16:15 that He is coming like a thief. He also says in that same verse, "Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame." In this part of the verse, Jesus is saying blessed is that person who continues in righteousness. This also means being [zealous for good works](#), overcoming evil by doing the deeds that Jesus came to show us, and enduring to the end keeping them (Rev. 2:26; 3:12, 15-19; 19:8). "Stays awake and keeps his garments" simply means to continue living the holy life without going back to the former life of practicing sin. "Naked" means he sins and people observe his sins.

Jesus continually warns those who would follow Him not to let down, but to continue being faithful in righteousness (Matt. 24:48-51). The parable of the ten virgins is partly about five virgins who let down—became lukewarm for good deeds. In other words, they began to lose interest in serving God by serving others and began to return to worldliness and [sin](#) (Matt. 25:1-13). As a result, they were not found fit by God to enter His kingdom and be invited to the wedding supper of the Lord, which is eternal life (Is. 25:6-7; Matt. 8:11; Luke 22:30). They left that Way of righteousness that the Lord came to show those who would follow Him (Matt. 21:32; 2 Peter 2:21). This is why the theme that runs through the entire New Testament is: Only those who [endure to the end](#) (living godly) will be saved (Matt. 10:22; 24:13; Mark 13:13; 2 Tim. 2:12;

Luke 21:19; Rev. 2:26). Remember, the end will come suddenly like a trap or thief (Luke 21:34-36).

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The Lord is Coming as a Thief

Many of Jesus' parables speak of Jesus coming as a thief, when people would least expect Him. That is why you must live for God daily and be faithful to be saved (Luke 9:23). Jesus was asked, "[Are just a few being saved?](#)" And Jesus answered, "Yes," in the form of a parable in Luke 13:23-25.

Now we can begin to see why Jesus' true followers were persevering, steadily living a life of doing good for God daily. They were seeking from God glory and honor and immortality—eternal life (Rom. 2:7; Acts 9:36). How many are being taught to do the same today?

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Jesus is coming first as a thief to take those who qualify and are found worthy to a [place of safety](#) (Luke 21:36 KJV; Rev. 3:10). He is taking them from the presence of Satan, the soon-coming being who is called the beast or the son of destruction (Rev. 13:4; 2 Thess. 2:3). This beast will make war with the saints of God who are not found worthy to be taken to a place of safety, and many will be killed (Rev. 13:7). Those who are ready when the Lord comes as a thief will be taken as mentioned in Matthew 24:40-41. They will be translated, as Philip was, in physical form to a place of safety away from the presence of the soon-coming beast (Acts 8:39-40).

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Those left behind, because they were not zealous for what is good, must be refined by God with imprisonment, captivity, torture, slavery and death (Rev. 2:10; 3:18-19; 13:10, 15; 14:13; 6:11; 1 Peter 3:13). All of those who remain true to

Jesus Christ until death will receive a crown of eternal life (Rev. 2:10; 20:4).

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How blessed are those who are found worthy to be taken to a place of safety and protected from Satan for three and one-half years, during the soon-coming reign of the beast on this earth (Rev. 12:14). "Time" is one year, "times" is two years, and "one-half time" is one-half of a year. This equals three and one-half years, the same length of time as Satan's rule on this earth in the form of a man (Rev. 13:5). Notice, Satan goes off to make war with the lukewarm saints, those who were left behind and who were not found worthy to go to a place of safety (Rev. 12:17; 13:7).

The Lord is coming soon as a thief. Be ready—stay ready—and continually pray that you will be found worthy to be protected from what is coming and have the Scriptures of the righteous fulfilled in your life (1 Thess. 5:9; 1 Peter 3:13; Is. 3:10; 2:10; 26:20; Ezek. 14:22-23; Psalm 27:5; Is. 42:10-13; Dan. 12:1; Mal. 3:16-17; Luke 21:36 KJV). Study—[do not merely read but study](#)—God's word by subject daily to be approved by Him; and pray always for other people God is calling, in the last days, to live a holy life before Him each day by being a servant to others (2 Tim. 2:15).□



Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge. When that knowledge is derived from philosophy or from the higher learning of man, it is termed human knowledge or philosophy. This type of wisdom is of the world and is foolishness according to the word of God (Eccl. 12:11-12, 1 Cor. 3:19).

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There is another wisdom, and it is from God. Just as God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him, He also gives His wisdom liberally to those who ask Him (Acts 5:32; James 1:5). There is little godly wisdom in this world because God's words lie dormant in the Bible, waiting for people to obey them. God's wisdom is based on His laws. His laws are based on His Ways, and His Ways represent [His Will](#). As His followers, we are to do His Will daily on this earth as it is done in heaven (Matt. 6:10).

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King Solomon was God's example to the world of how much wisdom He is capable of bestowing on each of us if we will seek and obey Him by serving others for God's glory (1 Kings 3:9-12). When we are zealously obeying the Lord by keeping His deeds and [overcoming](#) our evil side, our faith in this spiritual Way of life increases. As

we grow daily in the Lord by imitating Him, our faith grows also (Eph. 5:1). Unless we become daily doers of His words, it is impossible for our faith to grow. James 2:22 says our faith is made [complete](#) by our works.

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A transformation begins from the inside as we continue to live to please the Lord each day on the outside. Our love for God increases, as does our faith. As we continue to serve Him by serving others, we learn to [love one another](#) from the heart (1 Thess. 4:9; 3:12). God causes the necessary growth and soon we become new creatures (1 Cor. 3:7; Gal. 6:15).

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When we have done everything we can do in any given situation and the trial or test continues, then our faith in God takes over. As doers of God's word we can have full assurance that there is an answer or solution forthcoming from God (James 1:22). This full assurance comes when we live to do what is right in God's sight on a daily basis (1 John 3:22). There will be situations when we can do nothing and we must rely solely on the Lord to come to our rescue. Our daily righteous Way of life guarantees the Lord's response to our needs in these times of distress.

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Blind faith, on the other hand, is when we [force a test on God](#) by allowing something wrong to continue without doing anything about it. It is only when we do all we can according to the wisdom God gives us, and then rely on the Lord, that all will go well. Remember though, we must do our part by using God's wisdom, instead of our own (Prov. 3:5). If we let our children do something dangerous and claim that God will protect them, we are forcing a test on God. We cannot allow our children to be in situations that could harm them mentally, physically or morally, and then expect God to protect them in that situation. This is forcing a test on God. It is not using godly wisdom, but rather the blind wisdom of this world.

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God's wisdom warns those who desire to love and obey Him not to keep bad company. Evil people corrupt good morals (1 Cor. 15:33). Violence breeds violence. But there are some who continue to live by their own thoughts, apart from what God's law book teaches. They are not living by God's Ways, but continuing to live by their own ways and thoughts which are not good. Yet, they expect that if they have faith in God, the Lord will protect them in every situation. Not so! They are out of God's Will so their prayers are not according to God's Will.

Faith without the knowledge of God's word is dead, so continue to study to show yourself approved to God.

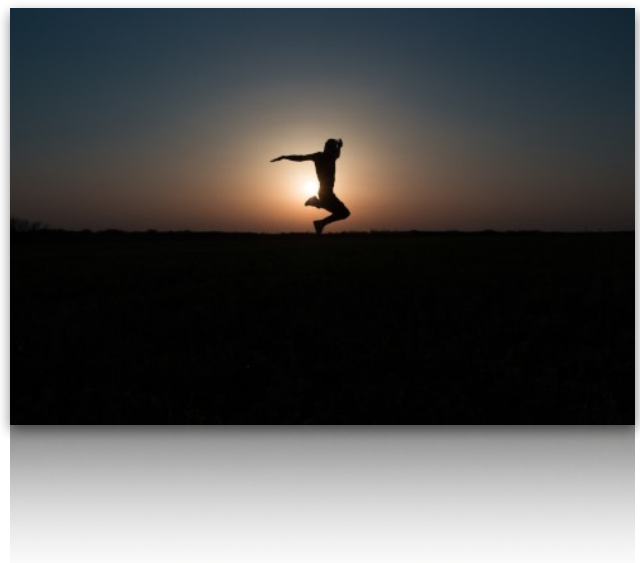
Faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Faith without daily obedience to God is dead. Faith without God's wisdom is dead. Faith without doing God's Will daily is dead. Faith without daily prayer is dead. Faith without the knowledge of God's word is dead, so continue to study to show yourself approved to God (2 Tim. 2:15).

Remember the big three. Put God first, then others, then yourself:

1. [Study God's word daily](#) (Acts 17:11).
2. [Apply it by serving others for God](#) (Matt. 25:40).
3. [Pray for others first each day, and then for your own needs](#) (1 Peter 3:12).

Study, apply and pray. This will assure the growth, the wisdom and the full assurance that the Lord will answer your prayers.

Clean out the old leaven—all your ways that are not presently pleasing to God—and become a new lump, a brand new creation (1 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 6:15). When you pray, make sure that you have done your part in the best way possible. Then you will have the full assurance that your prayers will be respected by the Lord. This is where wisdom ends and faith begins.□



What Holds You Back?



[Resist Satan](#), and he will flee from you. Resist his fiery missiles. How does Satan operate in our lives in order to hold us captive to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26)? He can be given permission from God to remove understanding and the desire for understanding from our hearts (Matt. 13:19).

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Few understand that Satan is deeply engaged in devouring disciples of Jesus Christ in order to make tares—people who say they are Christians but are not doing what Jesus Christ said to do (Matt. 13:37-50). You can identify them by their worthlessness for good deeds, even though they profess to know God (Titus 1:16).

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[Satan has all kinds of ministers who appear righteous on the outside](#) (2 Cor. 11:13-15). John the Baptist knew who they were and called them a brood of vipers, a bunch of snakes. Jesus

called them serpents, as John did, because they were of the devil. He said, “How are you going to escape the sentence of hell?” (Matt. 23:33; Rev. 12:9; John 8:44).

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These ministers were in religion as a business. They were not interested in entering the kingdom of God by doing good works and glorifying God. They were telling the people that good works were not necessary for salvation. “You just give us your money, and we’ll do the good works,” they said (Matt. 23:13). Outwardly they appeared righteous to men but inwardly they were lawless [hypocrites](#), worthless for any good deeds (Matt. 23:25; Titus 1:16). They professed to know God but were not overcoming their lawless natures by doing good (Rom. 12:21). They were not being careful to engage in good deeds done in Jesus Christ’s name for God’s glory (Titus 3:8; Col. 3:17; Matt. 5:16). They were not overcoming by keeping Christ’s works (Rev. 2:26). Many, Christ said, would do greater works than He did (John 14:12).

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[Satan is an enemy of all good works done for God](#), and yet he himself doesn’t understand that he is being used by God to separate the precious from the worthless, the sheep from the goats, the wheat from the tares, the good fruit from the bad fruit, and the light from the darkness. Those who are found worthy, who have good deeds, will be resurrected to eternal life and will receive another [reward from Christ](#) (Luke 20:35; John 5:29; Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12). They will receive a reward based on good works. What is holding you back from doing good works for God? □

Where is the True Church?

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In the New Testament, the word commonly translated church is “ecclesia,” which means called out ones (Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language, 1910). It in no way means a building, temple or synagogue. However, over time people have mistakenly associated church with a building.

Temple worship, or building-type worship, has serious drawbacks for the people of God. It all too often takes on a meaningless form of religion and becomes only a social club. The church, as the world knows it, has become a way of life in itself, often becoming exclusive, with the attitude of: “We are right and everyone else is wrong.” This is very effective as a lock-in technique, but it makes people very cliquy, inward, selfish, and narrow minded or closed minded. This technique is used by many in the world.

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Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, “The time is coming, and already is, when you will no longer worship God in a temple or in a mountain” (John 4:21). God was not pleased with that form of worship. Christ says His true followers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23). Jesus spoke of the true worshipers, which means there must also be false worshipers—tares, goats, dogs, etc.

True disciples of Jesus Christ know what worshipping in spirit and truth means. [They know the Father wants to be glorified](#), so they glorify Him all day, every day, with good works (Matt. 5:16). They constantly do Jesus Christ’s works—the works He said we would do to a greater amount than He, for He had to go to the Father (Rev. 2:26; John 14:12).

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The temple was moved from a building to the human body with the Spirit of God in it (Acts 17:24; 1 Cor. 3:16). The early church was beautiful. It was an organized church; it was a miracle-working church. People were healed of diseases and thousands were reconciled to God. But look! It no sooner became strong and it seemed to fall apart. Paul shows that people distorted the gospel (Gal. 1:6-9). They spoke another gospel. [Examine the so-called church today](#). What gospel is preached? If it is not a gospel that conforms people to godliness, it is not the true church (1 Tim. 4:7; 6:3-5).

The true church consists of individuals who are living holy lives daily to please and glorify God (1 Peter 1:15-16). The true church is people who are called out to live righteously. It is not a building!□



Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

“DUE TO THE LACK OF INTEREST JESUS HAS CANCELLED HIS RETURN!” Can you imagine this, as a headline on tomorrow’s newspapers around the world? Yet, in Noah’s day this was the sad state of the world in his time. Though Noah was a preacher of righteousness, and his building of the ark a sign of what was to come, no one took the warning seriously because every intent of man’s heart was evil continually (Gen. 6:5).

As this world becomes more and more chaotic each day, I ask the Lord; *Where are Your people Lord? Where are Your sheep* (John 10:16)? *Where are my brothers and sisters?* These are questions I have asked myself, and the Lord, for many years. But recently, I ask them even more as I see the world getting worse. In addition, I have seen a drowsiness and a falling away from God’s simple truth in His own people. As I look on in wonder and perplexity, I see people are blindly fulfilling the very warning Scriptures written to alert them! Yet, despite all of this I still have tremendous hope that God will fulfill the plan He has laid out in Scriptures. Now, more than ever, I want to be a part of His end time kingdom message.

What the world does not know is, it’s feeling the birth pangs of God’s kingdom to come. *Whole Wheat* is here to warn people that the Lord is coming but, as our article and Scripture shows, *The Lord is Coming as a Thief*. This is a wake up call to God’s people who have become lukewarm in righteousness (Rev. 3:16). The *What Holds You Back* article asks the question and gives you the opportunity to examine your life and spiritual walk. This is something we need to do continually,

so we don’t find ourselves spiritually asleep at the wheel. We must be awake, *and stay awake*, even more as the day draws near. Our *Where is the True Church* article reminds us of the difference this truth brings, in comparison to what is being taught in the world, and *Where Wisdom Ends & Faith Begins* gives us the tools to persevere through many things we may not understand, happening in this world, but can continue to pray about, knowing God is in control.

Have we forgotten what a blessing it is to be part of the true church? To be given the understanding of Scripture and what God wants of us? Have we taken for granted the simple and wonderful Ways of the Lord? Have we been stubborn and proud, forgetting that God is opposed to that kind of attitude but gives grace to the humble and obedient disciple (1 Peter 5:5; Rom. 2:7-9)? This is a time to work out your salvation with fear and trembling before it’s too late (Phil. 2:12). The true church consists of those who are wise and have not fallen asleep, but are fully awake and zealously doing the deeds of the Father, for His glory (Matt. 5:16). They are those who will, God willing, receive *A Glorified Body*, one day in the near future!

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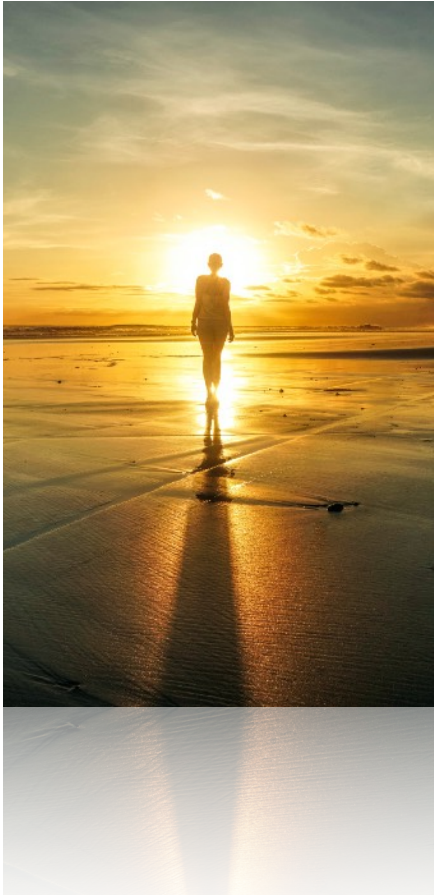
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Jesus Christ is the first-born of many brethren (Rom. 8:29). He was the first to have a glorified body. No one else will receive a glorified body until He returns to this earth in the near future.

One reason Jesus appeared to the apostles after His resurrection was to demonstrate what a glorified body is like, and the different things it can do. A glorified body can ascend and descend in the air. It can manifest itself whenever it wills (John 21:1). It can disappear whenever it wants to (Luke 24:31). It can eat and enjoy physical food but it does not need to eat (Luke 24:39, 42-43). It cannot feel pain, nor can it feel the heat of the sun (John 20:27; Rev. 7:16). It cannot die from a wound of a sword when it is in its manifested state (Joel 2:8, KJV). It can walk through walls or use a door (John 20:26).



In the future, with glorified bodies, we will teach physical human beings here on earth and will have the power to put world rulers, who will not obey us, in chains (Is. 30:20-21; Psalm 149:8; Rev. 5:10; 2:26-27).

As long as man has been on earth, he has wanted to fly through the air at will. He has desired a body free from pain that would never wear out; one that could enjoy a meal but not depend on food for survival. According to Scripture, it looks like God is going to give His saints the desire of their hearts. We who remain until Christ returns will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, but we will not precede those who have died in Christ before us (1 Cor. 15:52). What a glorified day that will be!☐

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