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WHERE ARE WE IN GOD'S TIME?

Things are moving rapidly in the spiritual world and in the secular world. For those only aware of the secular world, everything seems out of control and frightening. For believers, there is the solid knowledge that all is moving forward according to plan. But still, this is not a pleasant environment.

How do we all live healthy and victorious lives in these difficult last days?

Consider all this:

- LAST OF THE LAST DAYS As has often been stated here and elsewhere, Jesus could come at any moment to call out his CHURCH, to collect his true believers. We've focused often on all the prophecies of events to happen before his return that have now been fulfilled. We are living in the last of the last days. In the Bible, the term "last days" means the time between Jesus' ascension and his return. That's been about 2000 years now, and we are in the last of the last days.
- DECEPTION When Jesus was asked by the disciples to tell them about what would be the signs of his coming back and the end of the age in reality what would be happening in these days in which we are living almost the first words out of his mouth were to warn them not to be deceived. We have a lot of that today deception. And we have many people around who are not aware they are being deceived. Deception is rampant in the political and government realm, the entertainment and media worlds, and elsewhere. That's why you need to be based in the Bible and its solid truths, in the word of God, so you won't be deceived, so you'll know when something being said or done is in line with truth or is not. That's why you need the very real guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- APOSTASY Paul said in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 that the return of Jesus would not occur until the rebellion occurs (the original Greek word "apostasia" gives us our word apostasy). He means rebellion against, or falling away from, God. I have suggested in the past that we surely are living in that period. Many today engage in practices that clearly do not line up with God and the Bible. There is an ever increasing approval of such behavior, even by government leaders and legislatures. You know this, if you are alert at all.
- FEAR This highly unstable secular world has led to a general feeling of fear among many. The economic situation leads to a fear of lack, and changing society values in many leads to a general fear of losing what once was valued. In the US this appears to be a move into socialism and away from long cherished freedoms. But as we've spoken before, believers live in God's economy, one

in which He is the source, the provider. Matthew 6:33 makes the rock solid point that we are to seek His kingdom and His righteousness, and all the necessities of life will be provided. God takes care of his citizens.

- WILD/IRRATIONAL/OUT OF CONTROL That's how many likely would describe life today. But that shouldn't be a surprise, should it. Except for the saving grace of God, all life is out of control. Except for those knowing God and living in His kingdom, people are controlled by sin – greed, lust, all the horrible sins that came into the world when human kind fell back in the garden. As the disciple John said, the entire world is under the control of the evil one (1 John 5:19). He's speaking about the secular world here, not those believers who have the kingdom of God in them. Again, look at many current leaders in society in various fields – senior and successful individuals suddenly commit some wild and irrational act that destroys all they have worked towards. That's sin. That's the evil one in action.
- satan's DAYS NUMBERED We are close to the return of Jesus, and the evil one knows that. He knows his days of being free to wreak havoc on this planet are numbered. Yes, Jesus overcame evil by going through the cross. For those of us who know Jesus and are believers, we are in the kingdom, or you might say, the kingdom is in us. But not so for that world outside your window. Look at the evening news broadcasts, the newspaper, even actions in your own neighborhood. Chaos. Lots of evil and confusion. Check out the local news – crime, corruption, assault; if you're like most people you can't watch the local news for long. You just try to catch the weather and stay away from the long murder and other crimes log.
- ALL PEOPLE IDEALLY CERTAINLY ALL BELIEVERS NEED TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE IN JESUS CHRIST. THEY NEED TO KNOW ALL JESUS HAS DONE FOR THEM AND WHAT THEIR AUTHORITY IS IN CHRIST. All need to learn how to lead healthy, victorious lives in a difficult age. A list of who we are in Jesus is printed on page 4 of this newsletter.
- BELIEVERS NEED REAL TANGIBLE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Holy Spirit is a member of the Trinity. Jesus asked the Father and He sent us the Holy Spirit. I'm speaking of real, tangible guidance. So many in so many places and churches say things about being guided by the Holy Spirit, but you can often quickly see they don't actually know the presence or power of the Holy Spirit. They've never seen God move. The Holy Spirit is for every believer. Peter made that point. The power of Pentacost is for every true believer. Do you have that?
- DIVINE HEALING Everyone needs to know, understand, and be open to receive this great gift of Jesus. He took upon himself all sickness and disease and pain and overcame it all. By his stripes you have been healed. Yes, this is real. His people receive their healing instantaneously or over time. In the US the great population group known as the baby boomers is moving into senior citizen status. So many know nothing about the vital truths of God that would be of such great help as they get older, truths such as divine healing or the very next point below on how to protect themselves against attack from the evil one. How are they going to stay healthy?

- PROTECTION AGAINST THE EVIL ONE The evil one is real too. So many do not know. Sadly the more sophisticated a society is, the easier it appears to be for the evil one to operate without recognition by those affected. Recently a wonderful saint said to me that in America evil spirits are civilized; in Africa and India they are not. Jesus has given us the ability to protect ourselves and to deal with attacks from evil.
- BE ALERT FOR JESUS' RETURN And on top of all this, as you seek to be healthy and victorious in these difficult times, stay alert for Jesus. He advised this himself in Luke 21:36. I'll just add to that a few other words I once received on this point:

Be alert.

Pray for the lost.

Seek Him with all your heart.

How do you pray for the lost? Ask the Father to draw the lost person to Jesus. Remember, Jesus said no one can come to him unless the Father draws that person. And diligently seek to know Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit. God says in Jeremiah 29 that you will find Him when you seek him with all your heart.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS THIS FALL

DARE TO BELIEVE! SEMINARS (including a miracle healing service) will be held in:

- Wilmington, NC
- Tidewater area of Virginia (Norfolk, Newport News, Virginia Beach metro)
- Fayetteville, NC

Watch for dates and locations in upcoming newsletters and on the web site.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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PS Our teaching CD's on many subjects covered in this newsletter are listed on the enclosure and can be requested over the ministry web site or by contacting the ministry directly.

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In Jesus, we:

- Are able to do everything through him who strengthens us (Php 4:13)
- Take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ (II Co 10:5)
- Are like Jesus in this world (1 Jn 4:17)
- Are soldiers of Christ Jesus (2 Ti 2:3)
- Are more than conquerors (Ro 8:37)
- Are joint heirs with Christ (Gal 4:7)
- Are priests ourselves (1 Pe 2:9)
- Are people who do the same things Jesus did, even greater things (Jn 14:12-14).
- Are recipients of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Co 12)
- Are Christ's ambassadors to the world (II Co 5:20)
- Are a new creation (II Co 5:17)
- Are the righteousness of God (II Co 5:21)
- Are rich and not poor (II Co 8:9)
- Are free from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13)
- Are the body of Christ (Eph 1:22-23)
- Are healed and made whole (Is 53:5 and 1 Pe 2:24)
- Are Jesus' sheep (Jn 10:2ff)
- Know Jesus' voice (Jn 10:14)
- Are free from the law of sin and death (Ro 8:2)
- Have peace with God (Ro 5:1)
- Are justified through faith (Ro 5:1)
- Are saved by grace (Eph 2:5; 2:8)
- Are creators ourselves (Ro 4:17; Mk 11:22-24)
- Are Christ's army and government (Rev 17:14; Zch 14:5; Rev 19:14)
- Cannot be separated from the love of God (Ro 8:38-39)
- Are raised up and seated in the heavenly realms with Jesus, even now (Eph 2:6)
- Have Jesus living in us, and the Father (Rev 3:20; Jn 15:5-6; Jn 14:23)
- Have had the Holy Spirit sent to us (Jn 14:16, 26; Jn 16:8)
- Share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light (Col 1:12)
- Are recipients of the blessing given Abraham (Gal 3:14)
- Are victors and not losers!!!!!!
- Lay hands on the sick and they will be healed (Mk 16:17)
- Cast out demons (Mk 16:17)
- AND SO MUCH MORE

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!