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[Note: The time is short, life on earth already is getting more difficult and will be much more difficult, and it is clear God is separating his true believers from others who have claimed to be Christians. It is getting more difficult to stand with the Lord in all situations every day. Be sure you are in the right relationship with the Lord!]

JESUS AND HIS CHURCH

Jesus is coming very soon to collect his CHURCH. Exactly what is that?

Jesus' CHURCH is that collection of human beings who truly believe in him, who in his words in John 3 are born of water and the Spirit. That CHURCH is made up of those people who are in the Kingdom of God.

Said another way, Jesus' CHURCH is that group of people who have been called out of the world to a new society of which he is the head. As you surely know, if you are a believer in Jesus, you are no longer a citizen of this world system, even though for the time being you are physically living here.

Ten years ago Jesus said to me:

I am coming soon. I am coming for my CHURCH. My CHURCH is not of bricks and mortar. My CHURCH is not choirs and fine robes. My CHURCH is those who have given themselves to me.

And he has elaborated on that several times since. Gradually he has focused more and more on the imminence of his return.

Simply said, Jesus' CHURCH is the collection of his true believers. He knows who they are. Obviously, it is a group of people unified by their true faith and belief in Jesus, unified by the Spirit. This group of true believers all together is and will be the unified, glorious CHURCH.

Jesus' CHURCH is not a collection of all the dozens and hundreds of dominations and variations of that, of all the individual churches. No, he reaches across all that and into all that to gather his true believers, whether they are in a formal church organization or not.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

Now, in recent years and especially in recent months we have seen efforts by several religious leaders to put together a unified false church. In Revelation there is a false religious leader who arises (Rev. 13). This move by some to do such things as put Christianity and Islam together and call it Chrislam is just false. The Pope's recent remark that Christians and Muslims are brothers is just patently false (unless he just means they are all human beings). Surely you have noticed this effort to put denominations and groups together into a unified religion. It is a forced move to the one-world false church of the last days. Hardly a glorious church.

Similarly, I hope you have noticed the steady move to the one-world government of which the anti-christ will be the head. The most obvious recent step was the big meeting and agreement in Paris on global warming. Many government efforts in recent years have been in this direction.

But Jesus' CHURCH? Not part of this one-world false religion or the one-world government.

It is all about to happen. What day or month? I surely do not know and will not unless God chooses to tell me. But as I have written for years, so much Bible prophesy has been fulfilled, so much is happening in the secular realm, it can't be long. Jesus made the point that we could identify the times. And we can. It is now, this season, whether that season is a few months or a few years.

Consider these words from Jesus in Luke 12:

⁵⁴ ... When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

Well, we do know how. Born again, spirit filled believers who are not deceived know how. It is now.

HOW CAN ANYONE THINK EVERYONE GOES TO HEAVEN?

Deception is rampant in our society, and it is rampant in the words of some religious leaders just as it is in some political and media leaders and in some everyday folk. Here are a few words from Jesus himself that are more than sufficient to destroy immediately the confused and harmful view that everyone is going to Heaven. I'm sure you have encountered that comment in person or on television. These words are clear and concise and best of all, directly from the Lord. They are also I expect for some frightening to the core.

From Luke 13 (NIV)

²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

²⁶ "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷ "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

²⁸ "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

From Matthew 7 (NIV)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Mark 10:15 (NIV)

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

From John 3:3 (NIV)

...no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

From John 11:25 (NIV)

...The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

Matthew 7:14 (NIV)

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

CLOSING COMMENTS

There is always so much more I want to write and include in a newsletter, but then the newsletter would be a book. We do put the latest comments tied to current events in our *Sign of the Times* and **A Watchman Warning** email publications, and I encourage you to get on our email list to receive those if you are not already on the list.

The truth is that we are living in the days written about in scripture so long ago. We are living in the last of the last days. We have been through birth pains and have seen so many of the Biblical prophecies regarding the Lord's return fulfilled. The world is immersed in deception and a falling away from God, even as there are spots of spiritual revival in some nations. And we are now looking for the final big events that signal the start of the tribulation period. We are ever alert and looking for the Lord's coming to collect his CHURCH.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

There are good people in our society still focused on the things of the world, working with good hearts to try to make things better, and I think we should encourage that while still keeping our eyes on Jesus and being alert as he has warned. We ourselves need to be out there representing him in all areas of life as best we can and as the Holy Spirit leads and orchestrates.

But nothing the politicians or government leaders or media writers or even some lost and confused religious leaders say can change the course of history and God's plans. Jesus will return at the appointed time. The things of the Bible will happen. It has not been proven false thus far, and it will not be proven false. It is truth.

In our day we are encountering evil on a grander scale and in more sophisticated forms perhaps than those in the past, but it is still the same evil. The vicious violent acts of terrorists and lost groups are the most obvious, but the same deception and terribly hurtful behavior of others near us and all sorts of surprising harmful distractions that pop up are also part of the evil one's efforts. He is throwing the kitchen sink at all believers and their efforts, and your responsibility is to remain true and focused. Stay alert so you can recognize the attacks for what they are when they come and so you can fight with the appropriate scripture. Continue to seek the Lord and spend the time with him to understand ever better his role for you. And always, always

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

Always remember to stay alert! The Lord is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his.

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