

A Wonderful, Final Message

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is Revelation 22:12-21. If you're not familiar, this is the last part of the last chapter of the Bible. The words are the words of Christ. Here's what He says:

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying. 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

I'll share just a few teaching highlights. First, in verse 12, Jesus warns that when He comes, He will reward His followers for what they have done in this life. This teaches me a few things. It teaches me that what I do in this life matters, that it has eternal consequences. It motivates me more to live my life for Christ.

If I value earthly treasure, there are two traps that come with those desires. The trap is this – I'm either going to get what the treasure I seek in this life, or I'm not.

The trap of getting what I want may cause me to love whatever that is more than Christ and pursue that thing instead of Christ. The trap of not getting what I want may cause me to despair and feel sorry for myself and pout around instead of being of service to Christ. But those who set their sights on eternal rewards won't pursue the temporary things of this life, but instead the eternal things of God, having faith that whether I am blessed with much

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PRAYER LIST

Lonnie Bennett—continues to heal.

Kevin Hunt—is home. He is still in a lot of pain and continues to need our prayers.

Gene Deffenbaugh—continues to heal. He can now go from the bed to a chair with the help of just one person. He is still quarantined.

CARD OF THANKS

I can't find the words to tell you what all the acts of caring and prayers meant to us. God Bless! The Family of David Rayl—Bob & Beth Brownlee and family

WESTVIEW GROCERY PICK UP

There will be a grocery pick up for Westview Boys Home on October 5. This will give us plenty of time to pick things up for these boys. There are bags by each door, so grab one, fill it. There is a letter on the bulletin board if you want to read about how they are doing.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Emma Dillon—4th	Daniel Garver—4th	Kody Wartick—4th
Rex Harris—7th	Ed Newberry—8th	Harry Ricke—9th
Jeanne Harris—10th	Carol Norris—11th	Sandy Algin—19th
Wade Colwell—19th	Deanna Norris—20th	Sarah Bradbury—22nd
Jill DeJarnett—22nd	Rita Carroll—23rd	Chuck Cole—26th
Linda Wartick—27th	Jennifer Hines—28th	Darlene Cooney—30th
LeRoy Lewis—30th		

or little in this life is of no consequence compared to my eternal rewards.

Verse 14 teaches that His rewards belong to those who have "washed their robes," a symbolism of those who have had their sins washed away by his sacrifice. Those who don't have their sins forgiven will be cast outside of God's presence. Jesus teaches that when he returns it will be so quickly there will not be time to make any last-minute decisions, so time to make a decision for Him is of the essence.

In verse 17, Jesus issues an invitation to "the one who hears" and to "the one who is thirsty" – He says if you want it, you can have the water of life without cost. What he means is that His salvation is a gift. You can't buy it and you can't earn it. You can only receive it.

Lord willing, He's coming back soon. Are you ready for His arrival?

Much love!

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SERMON NOTES. . .

Parables Come to Life – Part 8, Rocky Ground of the Decapolis

Matthew 15:29-39

29 Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there. 30 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. 31 So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. 32 And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." 33 The disciples said to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in this desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?" 34 And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish." 35 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; 36 and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 37 And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full. 38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 And sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan.

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ELDERS

Rex Harris	Marvin Kline
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds	Aaron Hines
Leroy Lewis	Mike Neal
David Pierce	Alan Shields

MINISTER

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Upward, Downward"*

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Welcome

Prayer

Song #144 "O Worship the King"

Song #147 "I Stand Amazed"

Song "All to Us"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Closing Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.