

This Is Critical!

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1 Two thousand years ago the apostle wrote AV Romans 13:12 “*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.*”

2 The last minutes of a game is a critical time—so the focus and intensity increases. How much more should we increase the time and intensity of reading God’s Word?

Getting Ready The darkness of this world increases—there is *not much time* for God to get us ready and to prepare us for His Son’s return.

3 Knowing this, we must *allow* Him to *change* our attitudes and be *willing* to follow the words of Matthew 5, 6, 7.

4 A most critical choice is where we spend *eternity* and we have free-will to *believe* God or to *not believe* Him!

5 Trusting His divine power, however, makes us *eligible* for His kingdom and to receive His blessings while we wait—**1** Having our sins *forgiven*; **2** Being *free* from worldly desires; **3** Seeing our attitude *change*; **4** **Guidance** of His Spirit; **5** Shining a *light* for Jesus.

Choosing a Path We will all *make* a choice to go in *one* of two directions—to believe Jesus and receive the gift of His Spirit to *inspire* faith in us, or to not believe and not receive that amazing Gift—called the “*Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive.*” NKJV John 14:17.

6 God does not ask us to believe to *make* something true, but we believe His Word because it *is true*.

7 This believing in faith on the Atonement Blood of Christ is connected to eternity— “*He who is believing in me, hath everlasting life*” John 6:47 YLT.

8 We are saved by grace—but *grace* includes *faith* “*Therefore eternal life is of faith, that it might be by grace*” AV Romans 4:16.

9 Trusting on the merit of the Blood of Jesus is a *choice* we all have to make—and it *will decide* our destiny!

10 There is a specific reason *why* we believe—and there is a specific *One* in whom *to believe*—which *enables* spiritual *light* to be given us.

11 “*If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine to them*” 2 Corinthians 4:3 AV.

Cost of Salvation Anyone can choose to *trust* on the Atonement Blood of Jesus and be *saved*—or they can choose to *believe* the lie of the devil and be *lost*.

12 John 3:36 NKJV “*He who is believing in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*”

13 The world is in its last chapter—a time when the Gospel will be rejected by the majority. “*In*

the last days, men will come who make a mock at everything—governed only by their own passions, and, asking, ‘What has become of His promised Return?’” 2 Peter 3:3-4.

14 But Jesus is now *standing at the door* and waiting for His Father’s command. Revelation 3:20 “*If anyone hears My voice and opens the door*” He will enter and dine with us.

15 Anyone can be blessed by His presence and assured of eternal life—but most “*willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water*” 2 Peter 3:5.

Results of Rejection

16 Anyone who does *not* believe God and trust Jesus to forgive their sins will be judged guilty; they will *lose* their soul and will find themselves in the flames—Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV “*Though it tarries, wait for it; Because judgment will surely come, It will not tarry.*”

17 We believe Jesus *in faith* and we trust God *by faith*—to heal us, protect us, avenge our wrongs, guide our decisions, deliver us from wrong attitudes, and to supply our needs—it all starts with our *believing* God’s Word is *true*.

18 Romans 5:1-2 WEY “*Standing then acquitted as the result of faith, let us enjoy peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

19 ...through whom also, as the result of *faith*, we have obtained an introduction into that state of favour with God in which we stand.”

20 We *endure* through trials; *Hold* to our faith through persecution; and *Keep trusting* God through temptations—because *believing* is

required AV John 6:29 “*That ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*”

21 If we are trusting on the Blood of Christ, God promises to *forgive* our sins and change our direction.

22 Heaven and Hell are real places with real people residing there. We know that the soul lives on forever because the *Author of life* Acts 3:15 said it did—either in eternal *torment* or in eternal *pleasure*! Which will it *be*—the *critical* choice!

The Solution We need to escape—“*The Lake which burns with fire and sulfur.*” Revelation 21:8, but the only way *to* escape is to *trust* in faith on the atoning Blood of Jesus.

23 Those who do *not* escape will experience “*The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night*” AV Revelation 14:11.

24 The spiritual condition of the world is darker than ever—no one has *all the time in the world* to choose—and that choice is to *repent* of sins; to *confess* our wrong attitudes to God; and to *trust* Jesus to help us *change*—“*Now is the accepted time*” 2 Corinthians 6:2.

25 The choice to *believe* God will make us *right* with God. NLT 1 John 5:1 “*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God.*

26 *And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.* 2 We know we love God’s children if we *love God and obey his commandments.*”

27 From the moment of life, our direction is toward the *flames*—and we keep going in that

direction until we make the *critical choice* to believe in faith on the Blood of Jesus.

28 We must be reborn with another personality in order to overcome the evil of this world.

29 “*Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith*” 1 John 5:4.

30 “*He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments; and I will certainly not blot out his name from the Book of Life*” Revelation 3:5 WEY.

31 We *must* be in the book, because “*Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire*” Revelation 20:15 NKJV.

32 *No one* gets out of that fire—they escape *only* if God *commutes* their sentence—and *that* commutation is only by *trusting* on the shed Blood of Jesus.

Temptation Lurks We *must* overcome and be *aware* of Satan’s attempts to destroy us. We have to be *alert* because wrong teaching and “*False prophets*” Matthew 24:24 are everywhere today.

33 Many signs point to this being a *critical* time—extreme weather; shocking crimes; famines; earthquakes; terrorism; global pandemics, and Daniel 12:4 “*Knowledge shall be increased.*”

34 We see much accumulation of wealth; faltering economies; false religions, and Israel threatened.

35 The only solution is in God’s Word—we must *read* it, *believe* it, and “*Do it*” AV Luke 8:21.

36 The critical choice to believe means trusting God for every life issue—health, healing, food, fuel, spiritual light, divine protection, forgiveness of sins, and the critical *change of attitude* that willingly forgives others.

37 Time is running out—we *must* change to be ready. God is “*Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” AV 2 Peter 3:9.

38 *Repentance is the key.* God has already given the Gift of His Son; We receive the Gift of His Spirit and *believe* to be *forgiven*.

Priceless Knowledge The most *valuable* information is knowing what the Blood sacrifice of Jesus *did* for sinners.

39 To *believe* Him is to *trust* on what He *did* for us. This trust will result in health, healing, protection, provisions, spiritual light, and salvation.

40 There is *No need* to forfeit our soul—we *can choose* to believe and be saved forever—“*He who is hearing my word, and is believing Him who sent me, hath everlasting life, and to judgment he doth not come, but hath passed out of the death to the life*” YLT John 5:24.

41 A life with Jesus that never ends—What a *critical choice that is!*



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