

Living in the End Times

Lesson # 5 While We Wait

From Lesson # 4

On the Last Day...

- Christ descends to earth to judge the living and the dead
 - Both unbelievers and believers will be resurrected.
 - Bodies and souls will be reunited.
 - Believers who are alive at the time will be “caught up” (I Thess. 4:17)
 - We will have imperishable, glorified, powerful, spiritual bodies.
 - The earth as we know it will be destroyed by fire.
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I. Fallout

The Bible’s description of spiritual conditions during the end times are sobering. The church will not be exempt from attack.

I John 2: 18,19

II Timothy 3:1-5

Matthew 24: 21-25

II. The Fallout Shelter (The Rock of Ages)

A. For the Church

God’s grace and strength persist and preserve during the fallout.

- Matthew 16:15-17
- Luke 12:32
- II Thessalonians 2:13-16
- Revelation 12:10, 11 (Satan = “the accuser”)

Often the terms “the invisible church” “the church militant” and “the church triumphant” are used. What are these verses and others telling the church militant?

B. For the Individual Believer

1. Striving in the faith

- Philippians 2:12,13
- II Peter 1:5-11
- I John 4:16-18

How do we understand passages that sound as if salvation is conditional?

2. Tending to relationships

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| • II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 10:5 | With our Lord and Savior |
| • Ephesians 5:22, 25 | With spouse |
| • Ephesians 6:4 | With children |
| • I Peter 4:10 | With fellow believers |
| • Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8 | With unbelievers |

Where is the relationship with yourself among these?

“Readiness” is a term often used to describe the state of the Christians’ lives as they await Jesus’ return. Jesus told the Parable of the Ten Virgins to help us understand the importance of readiness. Matthew 25:1-13.