

# Ready, Prepared and Awake!

Sunday Morning, May 6, 2012

## Thesis:

A Christian Who is "Ready" To Be With the Lord is Not Just One Who is "Saved", But One Who is Living Life Prepared and Awake!

## Introduction:

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### I. Be Ready!

(Matthew 24: 36-44)

36 "Now concerning that day and hour no one knows—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son—except the Father only.

37 As the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be.

38 For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark.

39 They didn't know until the flood came & swept them all away. So this is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be:

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one left.

42 Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

43 But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into.

44 This is why you also must be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Are You "Ready"?

Saved?

Faithful With A Clear Conscience?

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(II Timothy 2:15)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

Not Ashamed

### II. Be Prepared!

(Matthew 25: 1-13)

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom.

2 Five of them were foolish and five were sensible.

3 When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take olive oil with them.

4 But the sensible ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps.

5 Since the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 "In the middle of the night there was a shout: 'Here's the groom! Come out to meet him.'

7 "Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

8 But the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.'

9 "The sensible ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell, and buy oil for yourselves.'

10 "When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived. Then those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.

11 "Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, 'Master, master, open up for us!'

12 "But he replied, 'I assure you: I do not know you!'

13 "Therefore be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour.

Called to Give Light

Identify Light:

Accomplishments?

Character of Christ?

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**(Matthew 7: 21-23)**

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 in heaven.

22 On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?'

23 Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you! Depart from Me, you lawbreakers!'

I Knew You Not!

Holding a Profession, Not a Relationship With Christ!

True Believers Affirm Jesus' Lordship and  
Submit to His Authority. They Live a Transformed Life!

**III Be Awake!**

**(Romans 13: 11-14)**

11 Besides this, knowing the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is nearly over, and the daylight is near, so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk with decency, as in the daylight: not in carousing and drunkenness; not in sexual impurity and promiscuity; not in quarreling and jealousy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no plans to satisfy the fleshly desires.

Carnal Security and Spiritual Slumber

Lukewarmness

**(Colossians 1: 9-14)**

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,

10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.

11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy  
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.

14 We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in Him.

We Have Been Translated or Transferred  
to the Power and Life of Christ!

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