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Self-exam Time

The preacher said, “The whole thrust of Scripture is the Second Coming of Messiah Jesus.” Let’s follow that thought.

Messiah Jesus was promised in Genesis (3:15), reaffirmed with specifics by Isaiah (7:14; 11:1-12:6), as well as many other prophets and introduced in the four Gospel accounts, each giving a different emphasis to His earthly ministry and finalized in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

The New American Translation offers these introductions to each gospel. Matthew’s main purpose is to prove to his Jewish readers that Jesus is their Messiah. He quotes the Old Testament often and uses the phrase “kingdom of heaven” frequently. The whole gospel is woven around five great discourses: (1) chapters (5-7); (2) chapter 10; (3) chapter 13; (4) chapter 18; (5) chapters 24-25.

The book of Mark stresses facts and actions rather than themes or topics. Although it is the shortest of the four gospels, it is often the most detailed. Jewish customs are carefully explained for Roman readers, and one of Mark’s purposes was to demonstrate the deity of Jesus. He tells the stories of Jesus’ ministry, especially His miracles. Mark spends one-third of the book telling the events of Jesus’ last week on earth, ending with His death and resurrection.

Luke tells us in the first four verses of his book that he wrote this Gospel to give the true and complete story of Jesus’ life. He wrote the fullest and most orderly account of the life of Jesus. One of Luke’s interests in writing this book was to show that Jesus loved all kinds of people. In the retelling of the parables especially, Luke pointed out Jesus’ concern for the poor and oppressed. The theme of joy is felt throughout the book, as Jesus’ coming brought joy as well as hope and salvation to a sinful world.

John states his main purpose clearly in 20:31. He appears to have had Greek readers mainly in mind, and his primary intention was evangelism. John’s purpose is not so much to present new evidence as it is to clarify issues on which the evidence will be either accepted or rejected. He writes not so much to inform the reader as to confront him with the necessity to “believe.”

The Revelation: John writes to encourage the faithful to resist staunchly

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the demands that they worship the emperor. He informs his readers that the final showdown between God and Satan is imminent. Satan will increase his persecution of believers, but they must stand fast, even to death. They are sealed against any spiritual harm and will soon be vindicated when Jesus returns, when the wicked are forever destroyed, and when God's people enter an eternity of glory and blessedness, (chap. 21 & 22).

I agree with the preacher. God's eternity (I Corinthians chap. 2) was prepared in advance for every person who yielded to His Lordship and lived his faith every day, looking forward to the promised eternal home in the presence of Jesus.

So, this life is the proving ground for believers. Saying one believes in God is a starting point. Saving faith must / will follow through in obeying all His commands. Omniscient God, in His foreknowledge, knows the choices we will make, yet He gives us freewill to choose. Thus we are responsible for choosing our future eternal destiny.

Choices are limited. Jesus said, "You are either for Me or against Me." Translated - we choose the Lordship of Jesus, yield to the leading of His Spirit and joyfully look forward to reigning with Him in eternity future.

Or, we reject His Lordship and spend eternity future in the place prepared for the devil and his followers, who also rejected Jesus.

Important reminder: Personal free will does not conflict with the Omniscience of Sovereign God. He knows us intimately. Before we were born God already knew our birthdate, death date and every heart intention and action in between. Psalm 139 offers excellent points to ponder.

Self-exam time: Today, our rebellious world needs to live next door to professing Christians whose daily lifestyle demonstrates their faith in the God of creation. **If those shoes don't fit your feet, get serious about eternity and get ready because Jesus is coming soon, and we don't know when.**

Two Scriptures to help us examine ourselves. Our focus, Matthew 6:33. Seek His kingdom and His righteousness. II Peter, (1:3, 4; 3:3-18) "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness. Choose Jesus!

Buford Smith

Letters From Africa

I am so thankful and blessed to listen to Words of Life broadcast on the Radio Africa network.

The messages I listen are always blessing to me and also life transforming. Thanks you and God bless you.

Pastor Andoh Peter, P. O. Box AN12402, Bible Believers Church, Accra—North Ghana, June 12, 2023

I get so much encouragement out of the messages I listen to from this program on Radio Africa.

This broadcast, Words of Life, is a lifeline I am hanging on to (besides the Bible) to remind that there is salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ. Thaks and God Bless.

Bro. Jaw GJAn., P. O. Box AN 19222, Accra—North, Ghana, June 10, 2023

I am so fortunate to be part of Words of Life listeners on Radio Africa every week. This program is a blessing and inspiration and I am so grateful. I look forward every week for life-changing message. God bless you so much, and thanks a lot.

Mr. Okn Tawiah Nathan, P. O. Box KN 3765, Kaneshie _ Accra, Ghana, W. Africa, May 15, 2023

I am writing to thank you for your wonderful work to spread the Word of God through Words of Life on Radio Africa. What a powerful and wonderful Lord. We give praise and thanksgiving. God bless you so much.

Mr. Alex Gyawu, ATTC Dept. Electronic, P. O. Box M177, Ministries—Accra, Ghana, March 10, 2023

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Mr. Twum—Barimah Charles, P. O. Box AN 12310, Accra—North, Ghana, February 12, 2023

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Bro. Stephen Kumi, United Pentecostal Church, P. O. Box OS 1119, OSU -, Accra, Ghana, February 15, 2023

I have been listeneing to your wonderful program—Words of Life regularly on Radio Africa every week for many years and have helped me grow spiritually.

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