**BEING WORTHY**

As I start this Newsletter, I am stirred in soul. We are truly living on the brink of the Coming of the Lord! Surely by the signs all around us filling our news, it’s very near, even at our door. There are over 8 billion souls now in our world, the vast majority of them do not know Jesus, they’ve never had a personal relationship with Him, never been born again. They don’t know what it’s like to have their lives transformed and feel the Love of God! They see no need for God and do not want Him. The wicked continue to do wickedly, none of the wicked understand, they walk on in darkness, alienated from God and what’s Holy; they are glued to this world’s evil immoral system! Conviction has been cast off; True repentance and turning to God and righteousness is unheard of in our modern day society.

O Watchman, Watchman, what of the night? I see also a worldly minded lukewarm Laodicean Church world that is completely oblivious to this world’s seducing influence all around them, they are in a slumber and have become used to the dark. Where is the fear of God? Where are the seekers? What happened to dedicated Christians who once prayed and longed for God and daily walked with Him? People do not see this world’s dangers and are being pulled right into its web of easy living, pleasure and entertainments – they have lost their commitment. The spirit of this world and the lusts of this generation have infiltrated the homes and hearts of people and rocked their soul to sleep. With the help of God, In this Newsletter, I want to deal with BEING WORTHY in the eyes of God, worthy of His Favor and Worthy of Heaven when He calls us Home!

**Isa 64:7** The Spirit of God cried through the prophet Isaiah concerning his generation – “And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee:”

Listen to Jesus’ words to us concerning His soon coming and how we must be READY!:

**Lu 12:35** Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

 **36** And ye yourselves like unto men that **wait** for their lord, when he will return from the wedding;

that when he cometh and **knocketh**, they may open unto him **immediately**.

 **37** Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:

My Question to us in this Newsletter: How will Jesus find you when He suddenly returns to take His Church, His Bride out? What kind of spiritual condition will you be in? Are you stirred and Spiritually alert? Are you praying and watching daily and keeping your garments spotless? Is there a hunger and longing in you to live and stay close to the Lord? Does this froward generation and the spirit of this world’s evil lust vex you and set your soul on edge by its ungodliness? Does it cause you to want to withdraw far away from it to be in the Lord’s presence?

It would behoove each of us to sincerely examine ourselves daily to see if we are still in the Faith; to do inventory on our Spiritual life to see if there is anything that we have let slip in our life or left undone that we need to correct or fix? Do you have that deep down assurance and feel the witness in your heart that you are right with God and you are walking with Him in His Will? Do you feel that He is pleased with you? If there was ever a time to strengthen ourselves, it is NOW!

With much prayer, bible study and soul searching, I went through my Bible to find the scriptures where the Holy Ghost was speaking to us to draw near to God, to sanctify and spiritually prepare ourselves that we might be ready and Worthy when He comes for us! It’s more serious than we realize! I want each of you my readers to slowly and prayerfully read each Scripture that I have recorded below and meditate on them and let the Holy Ghost deal with your heart!! You will see, hear and feel God speaking to you to draw closer that you might be ready when Jesus returns to get His Blood washed Bride!

Notice these specific powerful words closely that you will find in these verses that the apostle Paul, Peter and John wrote to the Saints in the Church – **Faultless** – Not **Ashamed** – **Blameless** – **Worthy** – Without **Blemish** – Without **Offence** – **Unblameable** – Without **Spot** – Without **Fault –** and **Boldness** in the day of judgment.

**Jude 1:24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to Present you **Faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

(O Lord Jesus, I want to be Faultless, without Fault when you return! I don’t want to fall away from the Lord and His Grace. I sure do not want to slip from my Spiritual stedfastness. It’s a cold bad dark and late hour now to slip and fall away from the Lord and His Holy Spirit! I told my Sunday School – if you fall away and go out from the Lord now, you may not get back! Jesus may come and find you undone and not ready and the door will be shut! Our prayer from our heart ought to be – Lord, cleanse me from all Faults and failures and Help me do better! Strengthen me and Draw me nearer to you. Give me a Consecrated mind!)

**1John 2:28**  The elder Beloved John wrote to his little children in the faith – “And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have Confidence, and **not be** **Ashamed** before him at his coming.”

(Look at this word **Ashamed**! Please Lord Jesus, I don’t want to be ashamed! We must prepare and be **Ready** – Caught up on our Prayer life and our work for the Lord. He’s coming for the Holy and Redeemed that Love and Worship Him in the beauty of Holiness!

**Mt 24:42** Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

 **43** But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. (What is Jesus saying? When He suddenly returns, many will be caught off Guard because they did not keep watch over their lives, their hearts and their homes.)

 **44** Therefore be ye also **ready**: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Our daily Bible reading, Prayer and commitment must be acceptable and up to par. I sure don’t want to be found half hearted, lukewarm, unprepared and have regrets when the Lord comes and hang my head in shame before Him in His presence! I have studied and prayed much lately, searching myself and asking God to show me and help me to draw closer to Him, to improve my Spiritual life so I’ll be ready for Heaven when He comes!

I have thought so many times: It’s not the sins of Commission that I’m so concerned about – because I don’t live in, practice, or commit willful sin; But could it be the Sin of Omission that so many times we are guilty of? In other words – it’s the things in our Christian life that we have Omitted, left out, left undone or didn’t fully complete in our service to God! Did we really serve the Lord in our allotted time here with zeal and put our whole heart into it? Have we fulfilled the Call of God and the work that He called us to do?

I believe we all can say that we could have done more for the Lord than what we have done, done it with a better Spirit and put our whole heart in it!! I know we shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account and be judged of our Works. It’s going to be a reality one day to stand and Face Him! To stand there and hear Him say – Son, Daughter, you could have been a better light and witness! Why didn’t you testify more for me? I brought people into your life, let them cross your path for a brief time and you failed to touch them with my Love and the Gospel. Why didn’t you put more of your heart into my Worship and service? With all my heart, I want to hear my Lord say “Well Done my child!”

 **Job 11:13** ¶ If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

 **14** If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

 **15** For then shalt thou lift up thy face **without Spot**; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

(Jesus is coming for those that will Love His appearing. To Love His appearing means there’s no guilt or condemnation in our hearts, we are ready! There can be no greater feeling than to know you have God’s Favor, to know you are accepted of Him and that He is pleased!! I sure want Heaven’s smile and approval on my life!)

**1Cor. 1:2** Notice what the Spirit of God through Paul wrote to the Corinthian Saints: - Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are Sanctified in Christ;

**4** - waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**8** Who shall also Confirm you unto the end, that ye may be **Blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Remember, the Holy Ghost through Paul, Peter and John inspired them to write these words to warn us to take them to heart, obey! The word CONFIRM means: to Establish and make Sure! Look at the word **Blameless**. It means you are innocent and not guilty of any wrong doing – not responsible for being or doing things bad! Always remember, there is a difference between Righteousness and Holiness! Holiness is our vertical relationship between us and God above! Righteousness is horizontal, reaching out – it’s our relationship between us and others around us, it’s doing what is right between you and your fellow man. Yes, God wants us to live and be Holy, but He also wants us to do what is right, honest and just, to treat others right and with respect.)

 Can we pray and say “Lord, help me in my everyday living to have a good Attitude and keep a GOOD SPIRIT so that I won’t offend or hurt others around me?” Give me a loving and forgiving heart! People are watching us every day, we are the only Bible they will ever read. If we’re not careful, our attitudes and how we handle things, if they’re not good, can repel people away from the Lord! Can you say - Jesus, would you help me, use me, let the Love of God flow through me, and draw precious souls to you!! Let me be an encourager to those who are hurting. Lord, help me to Love my Brothers and Sisters in Christ more!

**Eph 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk **Worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

Look at this precious word Worthy – “It means Commendable excellence and merit; having integrity and good quality in our work and dealings with others knowing that our service is for the Lord!”

I look for and long for the day I can step through Heaven’s Gate on the street of Gold being WORTHY!!

THE BLOOD OF JESUS MAKES YOU

WORTHY

Dear reader,, the only thing that will make you Worthy of Heaven is the Precious Blood of Jesus! Every drop of Blood He shed was full of Love and Forgiveness; it Washes, it Cleanses, it Sanctifies, it Frees, it Restores, it Justifies and makes us Righteous!! It puts us in right standing with God!

**Eph 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

 **26** That he might **Sanctify** and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

 **27** That he might present it to himself a Glorious Church, not having Spot, or Wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and **without Blemish**.

A Blemish means to have a small mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something. O God help us in our character flaws, our conduct, our walk and talk and our dress. May we always portray the image and the Divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Phil. 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

 **10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be Sincere and **without Offence** till the day of Christ.

(The Apostle Paul wrote in **Acts 24:16** – And herein do I exercise myself to have always a Conscience Void of Offence toward God and man!)

**Phil. 2:12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

 **14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

 **15** That ye may be **Blameless** and Harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

I’m not trying to overdo it in this Newsletter, but you can see and you can feel the Spirit of God calling to us all to PREPARE AND BE READY!! Time is winding up! Lord, don’t let there be anything in my life that would hinder or hold me back when you return! I don’t want to be in the wrong place, in the wrong condition, doing things that are out of your Will, or behaving in a bad way when you Come to get your Church!! God, I don’t want a bad spirit!

**Col. 1:10** That ye might walk **Worthy** of the Lord

unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work.

**1Thes. 3:12** And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another:

 **13** To the end he may stablish your hearts **Unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

(Lord, let my Love be real and genuine. Let my heart be tender and forgiving, loving others as you Love them!

**1Thes. 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

 **22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.

 **23** And the very God of peace Sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved **Blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

 **24** Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

**2Thes. 1:10** When He (Jesus) shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day.

 **11** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you **Worthy** of this calling,

**2Pet 3:13** - Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth Righteousness.

 **14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, **without** **Spot**, and **Blameless**.

**1 John 4:17** God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

 **17** Herein is our love made Perfect, that we may have **Boldness** in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

**Rev. 3:1** And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; **4** Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are **WORTHY**!

**Rev. 14:1** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

**5** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are **without Fault** before the throne of God.

In ending this Newsletter, I’ll leave you with one example of a Godly man that really loved his God and was Faithful! He is in Heaven now - Worthy!

**Dan. 6:3** Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an **Excellent spirit** was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

 **4** Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion **nor Fault**; forasmuch as he was **Faithful**, neither was there any **Error** or **Fault** found in him.

**10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Over 2600 years ago, this blessed Jewish prophet of God was threatened of being cast into a den to be fed to hungry lions if he did not go along with the evil customs of idol worshipping Babylon. He was taken captive there against his will when he as a young teenager! He refused to defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat that was sacrificed to idols and he would not drink the wine they drank. He was taught the Language of Babylon, but He kept a sincere heart that was dedicated to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! You might have taken me out of my country and away from my blessed homeland of Jerusalem and taken me away from my Temple of Worship, but you cannot take the love for God out of my heart!! I refuse to bow to your customs. I will remain Faithful! This man is our example that we can live in this ungodly and wicked society and be steadfast and committed in our Faith! He had and kept the Favor of God and lived to the ripe old age of around 85! The Lord loved this man, blessed him and showed him Favor! This dedicated man touched the hearts of kings! His light and testimony shined to many people in his day and by him they came to witness and acknowledge the True God he served!! It’s time we all be genuine, sold out and True to the Lord so we’ll be WORTHY of Heaven!