

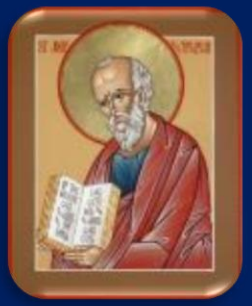
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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions



1) Who wrote it? – Paul
2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
5) Where was it written from? – Rome
6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
7) What is it about? – Perseverance
8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

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- Teacher (2:2)
- Soldier (2:3-4)
- Athlete (2:5)
- Farmer (2:6)
- Christ (2:7-8)
- Paul (2:9-10)
- Trustworthy statement (2:11-13)
- Workman (2:14-18)
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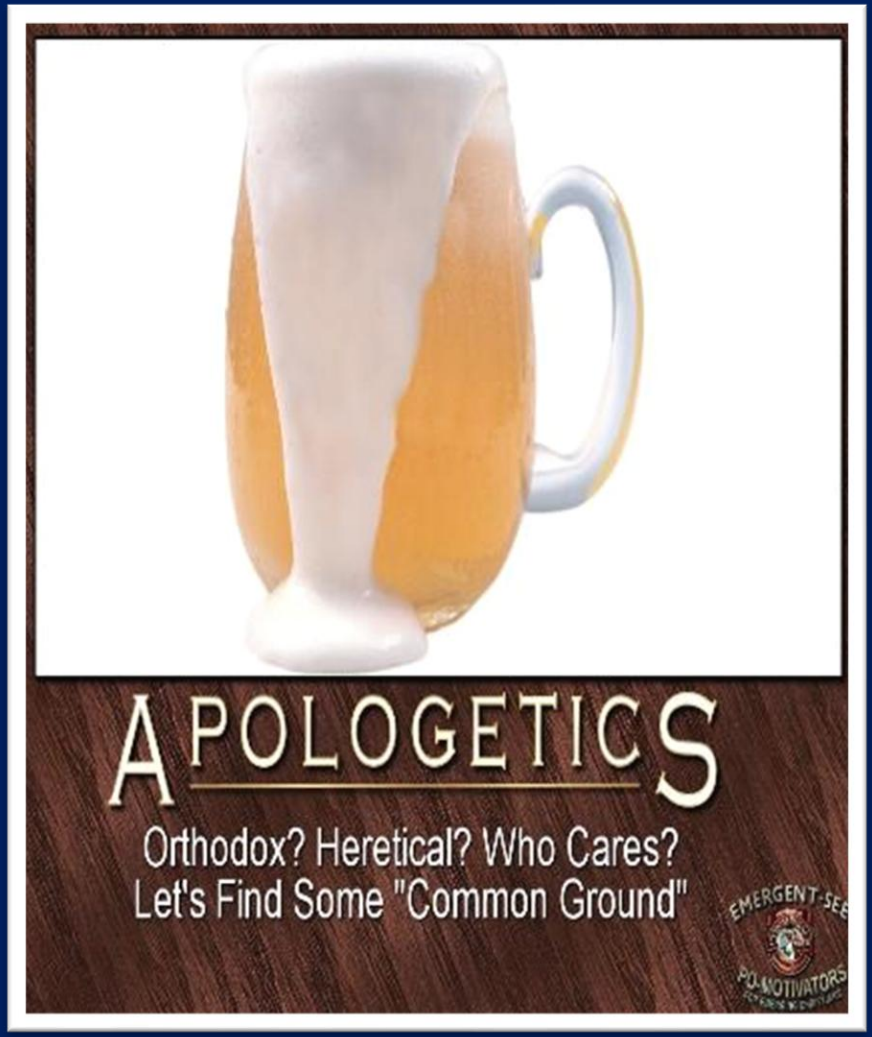


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- *apos* = away from
- *histēmi* = to stand
- Apostasy = to stand away from
- Apostasy = a departure from known (or previously embraced) truth



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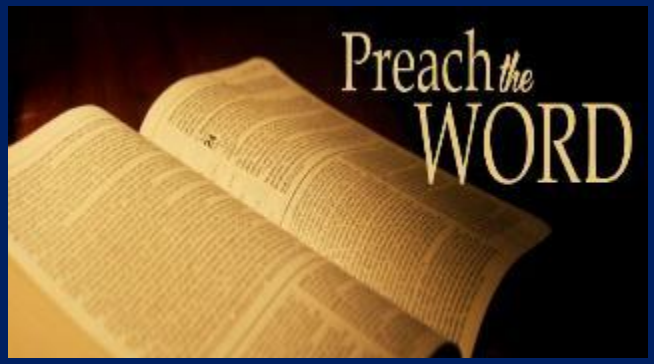
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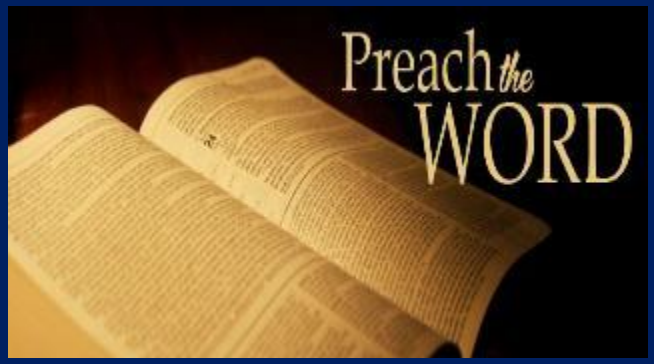
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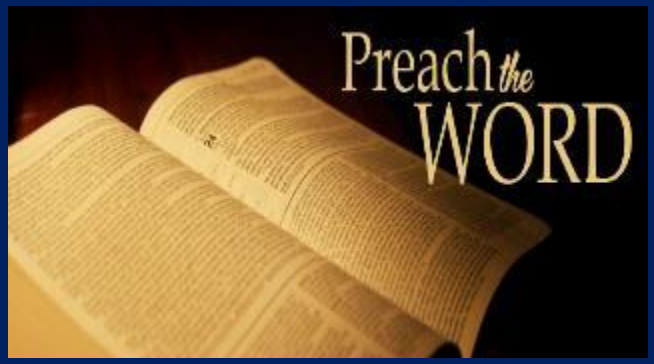
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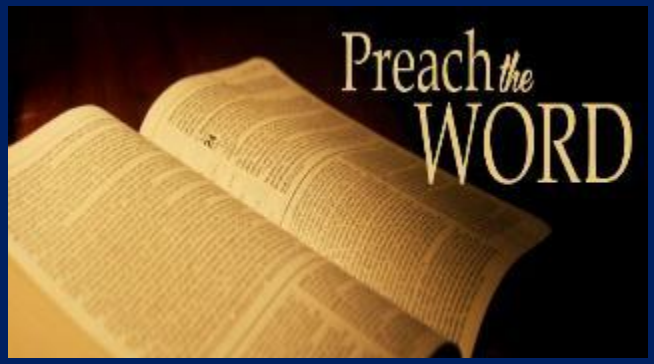
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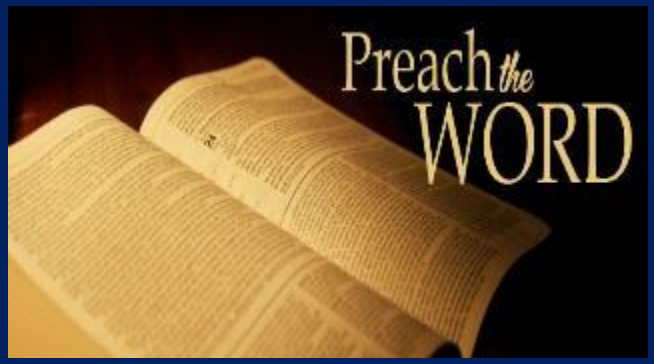
INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 2:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
  "phero" = to carry Acts 27:15,17
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
  - *Which is their own imagination*
    - *Jer. 23:16*



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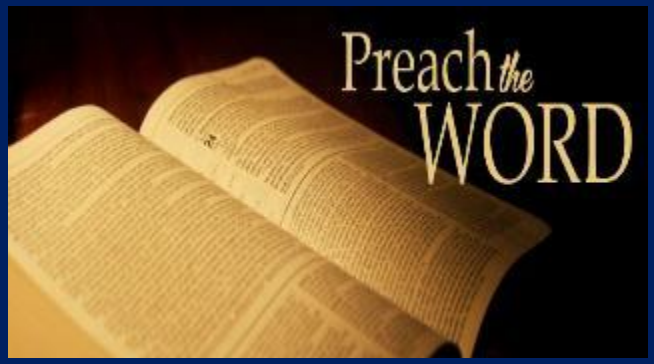


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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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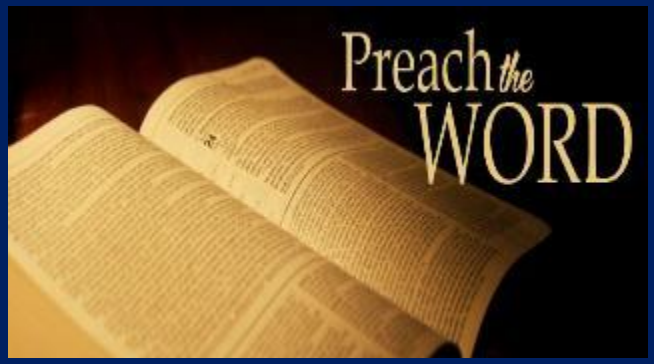
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2 Timothy 3:17

“so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

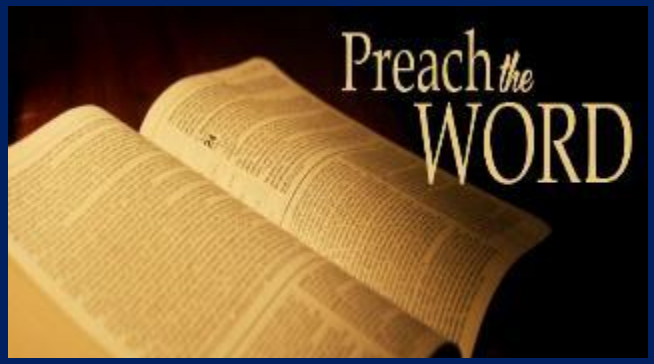


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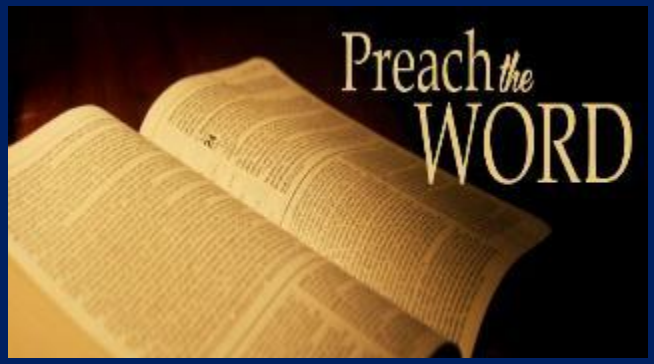
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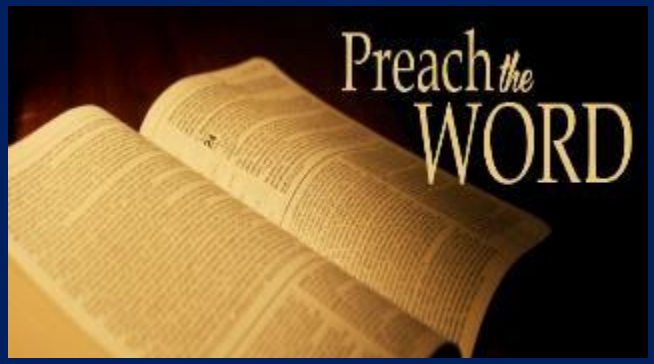
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“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, [4] and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.”



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Paul's Two Roman Imprisonments Contrasted

1ST IMPRISONMENT (ACTS 28:16-31)	2ND IMPRISONMENT (2 TIM)
■ Wrote prison epistles	■ Wrote 2 Timothy
■ Religious charges	■ Political charges
■ Local and sporadic persecutions (AD 60-63)	■ Neronian persecution (AD 64-68)
■ Decent conditions (house)	■ Poor conditions (dungeon)
■ Many friends	■ Virtually alone
■ Evangelistic opportunities	■ Opportunities restricted
■ Optimistic for release (Phil 1:24-26)	■ Execution anticipated (2 Tim 4:6)

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Mark Twain, *Autobiography*, 2:37

"A myriad of men are born; they labor and sweat and struggle for bread; they squabble and scold and fight; they scramble for little mean advantages over each other. Age creeps upon them and infirmities follow; shames and humiliations bring down their prides and their vanities. Those they love are taken from them, and the joy of life is turned to aching grief. The burden of pain, care, and misery grows heavier year by year. At length ambition is dead, pride is dead, vanity is dead; longing for release is in their place. It comes at last-the only un-poisoned gift earth ever had for them-and they vanish from a world where they were of no consequence; where they achieved nothing, where they were a mistake and a failure and a foolishness; where they left no sign that they have existed-a world that will lament them a day and forget them forever."

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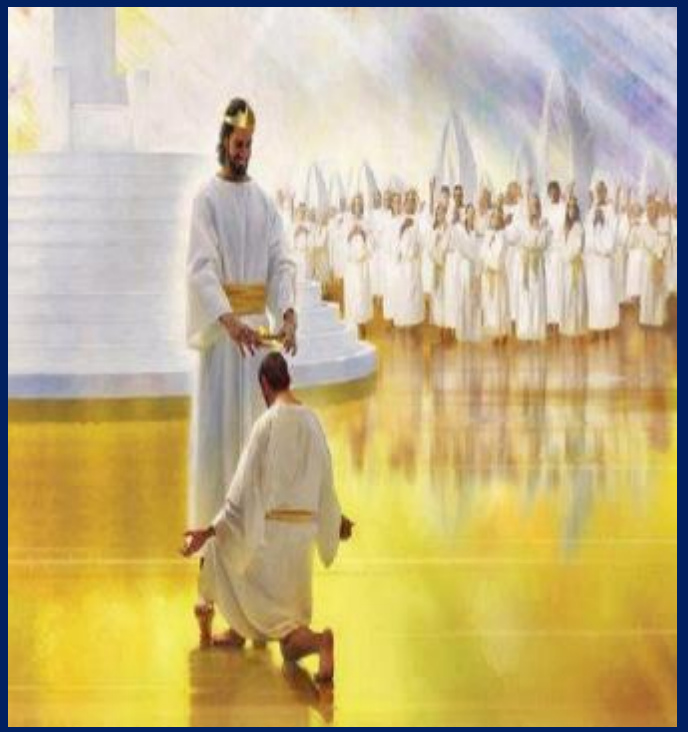
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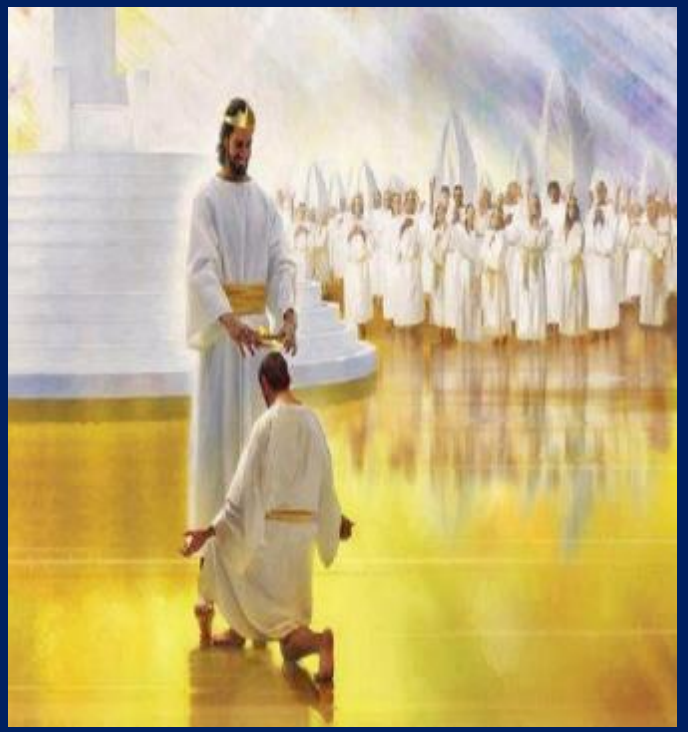
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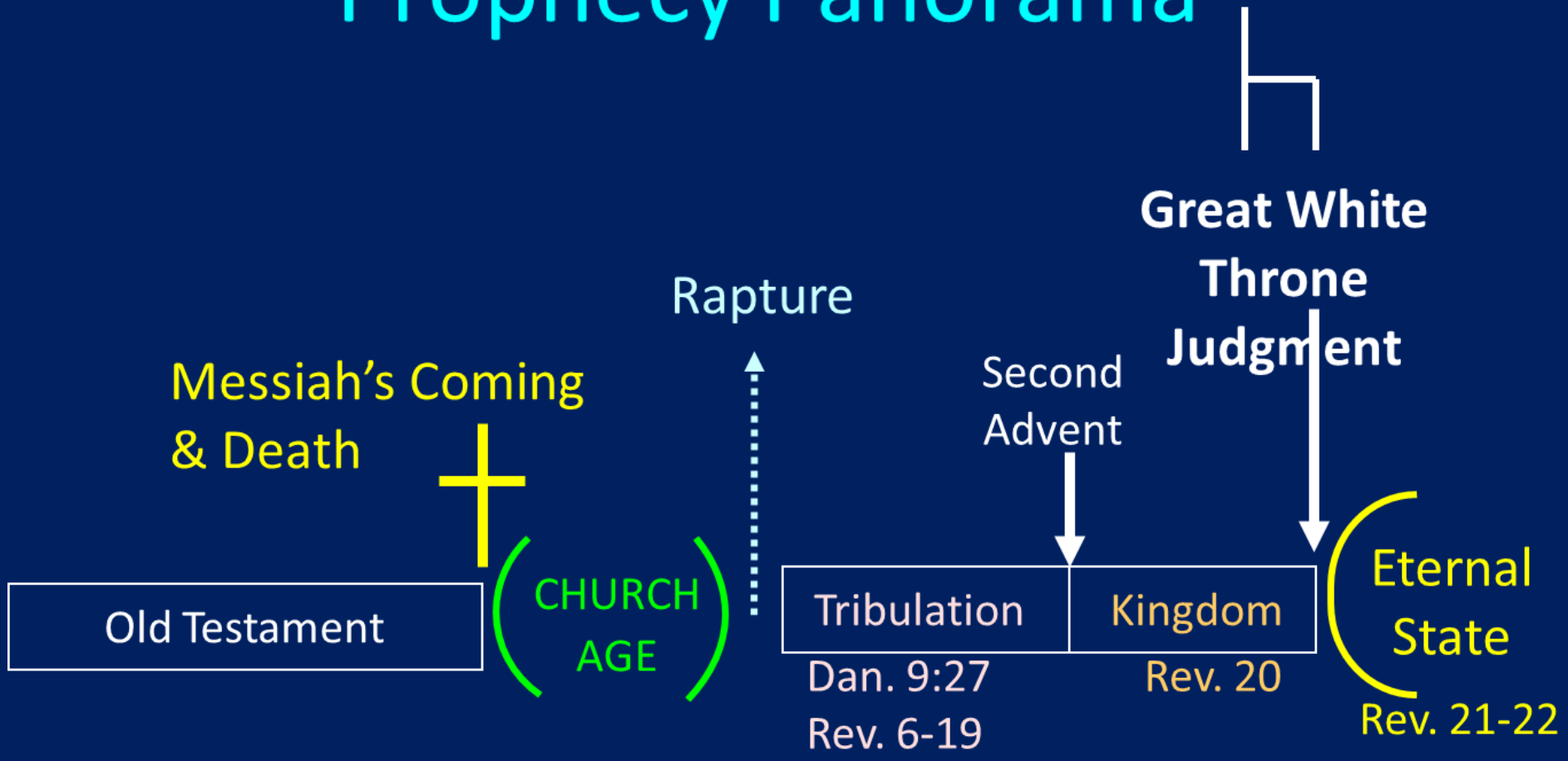


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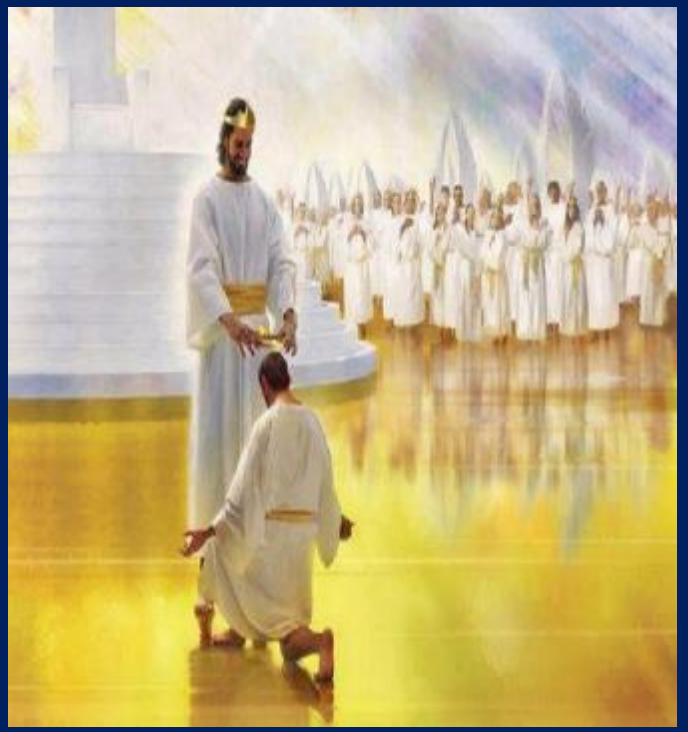


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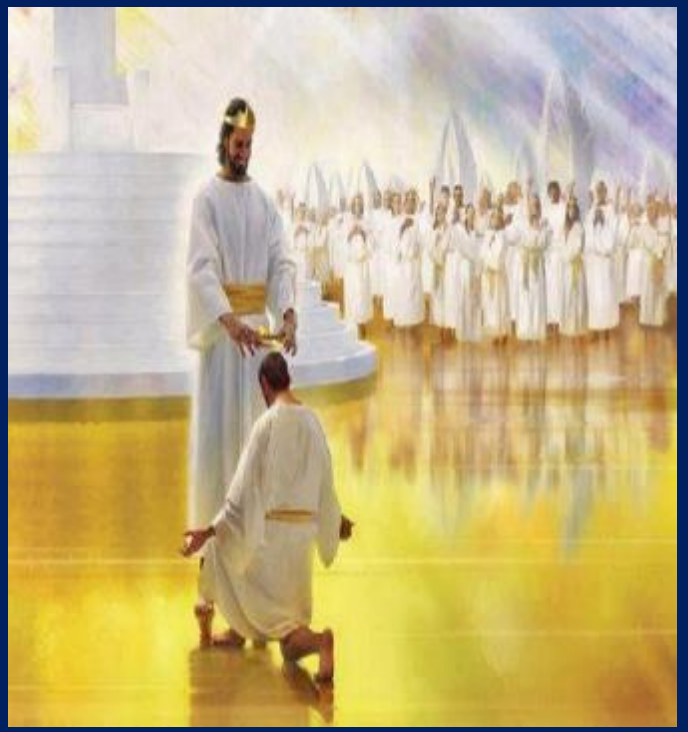


Scripture's Five Crowns
(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

Scripture	Crown	Purpose
1 Cor 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

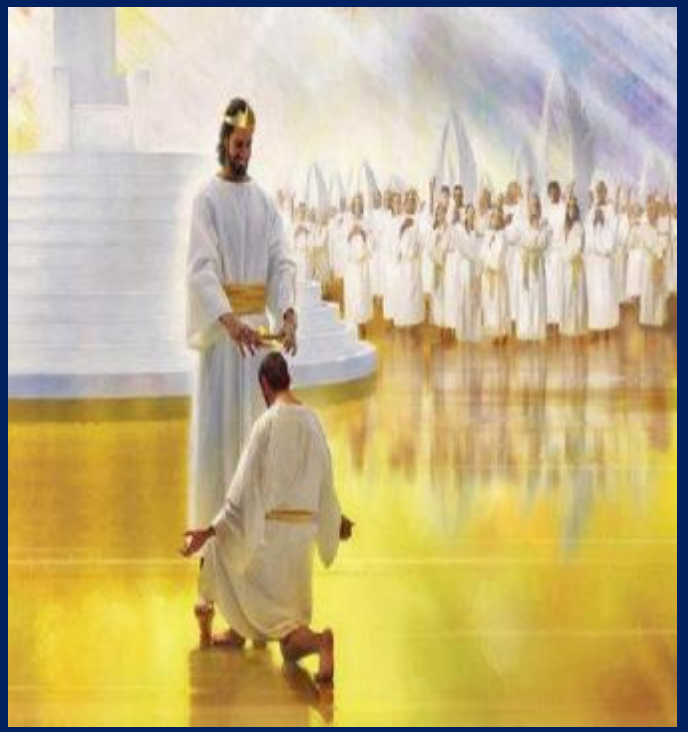
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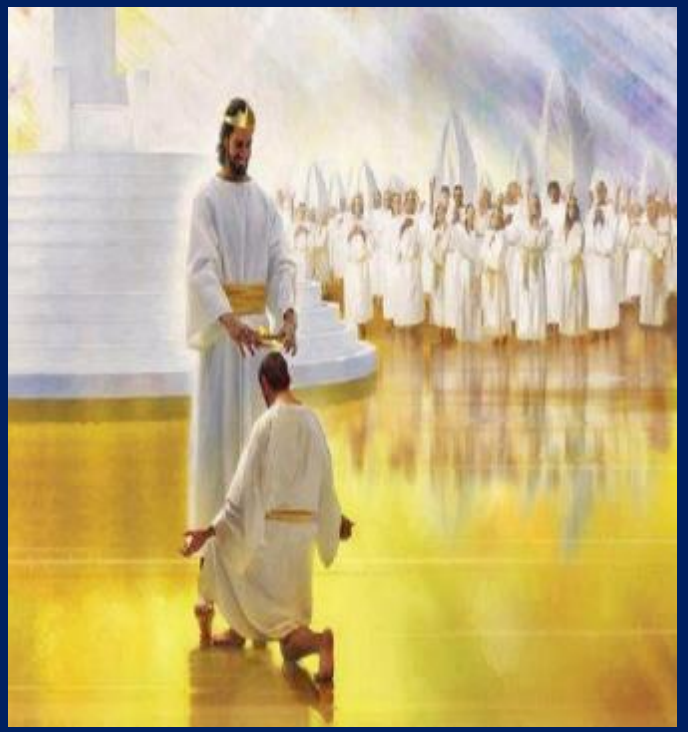
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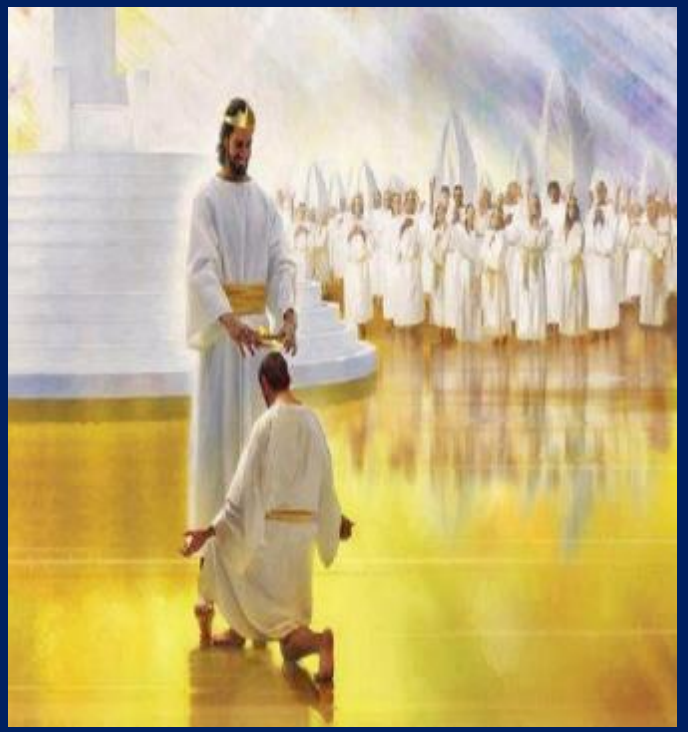
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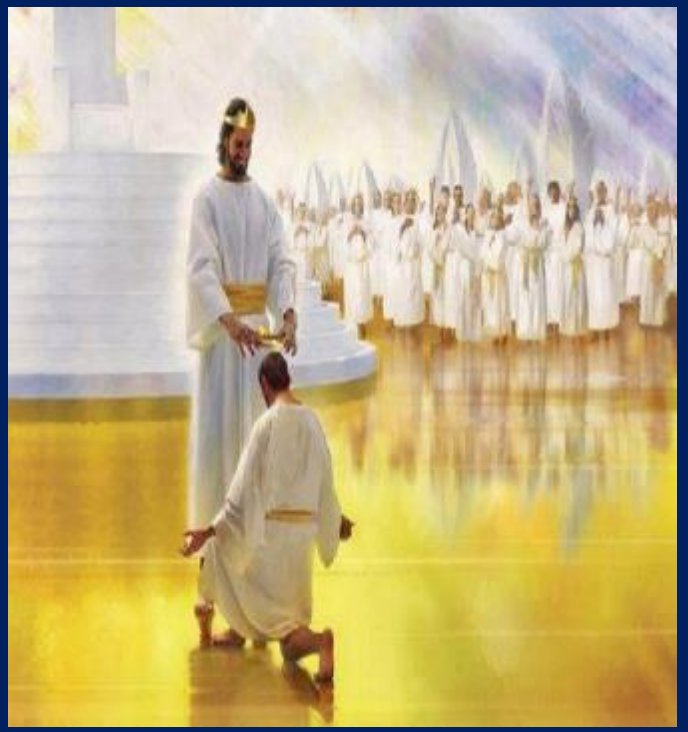
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7. “Who have loved His appearing”



Judgment of Rewards (4:8)

1. “In the future”
2. “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness”
3. “Which the righteous judge”
4. “Will award to me”
5. “On that day”
6. “Not to me only but to all”
7. “**<u>Who have loved His appearing</u>**”



Ante-Nicene Fathers: “Heavenly and Eschatological" Interpretation of John 14:1-4

“Interestingly, references to John 14:1-3 virtually disappear when perusing the writings of the Nicene and Post-Nicene fathers. This is a bit surprising, given the abundance of material in these later writers when compared with the Ante-Nicenes. I would assume that with the rise of Augustinian amillennialism and its optimistic interpretation regarding the present arrival of the Kingdom of God, the kind of hope held out in John 14:1-3 ceased to hold relevance.”

George Gunn, “John 14:1-3: The Father's House: Are We There Yet?,” 30, n. 24.

Conclusion

Necessity for Timothy to Complete His Ministry (2 Tim 4:5-8)

- Charge (4:5)
- Reason (4:6)
- Reward (4:7-8)
  - *Satisfaction of a life well spent (4:7)*
  - *Bema Seat (4:8)*







"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)