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JOHN 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

PREPARATION QUOTE

By failing to prepare you are preparing
to fail. -BF

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

EZEKIEL 36:26

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

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 who is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ **23** Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

TWO REALITIES:

1. Jesus is coming back soon and we don't know exactly when.
2. We are not guaranteed tomorrow.

QUOTE

Preparing for eternity means living for
God now. -DF

HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN US HOW?

- Counsels us
- Corrects us
- Comforts us

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7-16

⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7-16

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7-16

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

QUESTION

If the Holy Spirit was truly at work in all of our lives constantly how different would our day-to-day life be?

QUOTE

If I call myself a Christian but live in a continuous lifestyle of sin, I am not prepared.

QUESTION

Does the thought of standing before
God excite you or frighten you?

MATTHEW 24:42-44

42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **43** But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

MARK 13:32-33

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

2 PETER 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:2

² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 PETER 5:8

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

EPHESIANS 6:11

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

EPHESIANS 6:13

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

LUKE 21:19

19 Stand firm, and you will win life.

THREE QUESTIONS

1. Are you prepared for eternity?
2. Are you prepared for what the enemy will throw at you this week?
3. If you are prepared, what about your loved ones? Are they prepared?

MARK 13:32-37

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. **34** It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. **35** “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. **36** If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. **37** What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-3

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

FIVE WAYS TO PREPARE FOR JESUS'S RETURN:

- Pray
- Listen
- Watch
- Store
- Improve

QUOTE

When Jesus returns is not as important as the fact that we are ready for Him when He does return. - AW Tozer