

Lesson Notes:

Are we living in the Last Days – Part 2

Jesus tells us in **Matthew 3:23** that the “Kingdom of God is at Hand”. Regardless of whether or not we are living in the end times there are many opportunities to serve God through our words, thoughts and deeds which may have a profound effect upon those that are not close to God. This may “plant a seed” or inspire them on their life’s journey. Below is a plan to prepare ourselves to grow in our relationship with the Lord and to serve him more effectively.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **First we must accept the fact that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of the Lord.** – Paul tells us this in **Romans 3:23** and **Romans 5:12**.
- 2) **Secondly, we must recognize that Jesus is the Truth, he is the ONLY Way to come to God** – Jesus tells us in **John 14:6** that he is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to his father except through him. Also in **John 8:31-35** Jesus tells us that he is the truth which sets us free from sin.
- 3) **Third, we must realize that God’s Salvation is granted to us through his Grace and not through any of our own works.** - Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:8-9** that salvation is through grace and not by works lest any man should boast.
- 4) **Fourth, we need to accept Christ’s offer of Salvation** – Jesus tells us in **John 3:16-17** that this was his purpose for coming was to take on our sins.
- 5) **Fifth, find your Purpose and roll up your sleeves.** – Paul tells us in **Galatians 1:15-17** that his purpose was to preach and he didn’t waste any time doing it.
- 6) **Sixth, don’t be afraid of service** - Recognize that God has given us the Holy Spirit which in dwells and intercedes for us. This gives us the ability to serve God wisely. Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit was coming to dwell within them in **John 14:16-17**.
- 7) **Seventh, strengthen yourself in Lord.** – Paul encourages all of us in **1 Timothy 6:11-16** to pursue righteous, godliness, faith, love and patience.
- 8) **Eighth, prepare yourself in the Word** – In **Matthew 4:1-11** whenever Jesus is tried by Satan he quotes scripture.
- 9) **Finally, recognize the seriousness of the situation** – In **Matthew 7:13-14; Matthew 22:14** we realize we are struggling for souls.