Are You Ready?

Greg Kline · 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- I have a question this morning. Are you ready?
- Are you willing to get in the wheelbarrow? Are your actions governed by your belief?
- And that which separates those who are in the light from those who are in the dark are those who believe.

1 We Should Believe That God Is

Hebrews 11:1–6; Genesis 1:1

- The first thing that we should believe is that God is.
- Now, faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.
- For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- If you consider what it means to have faith, it means knowing, not thinking, not assuming, not just hoping that God exists, but knowing he's there.
- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And so that's a fundamental belief that we must have.

2 The Scriptures Are Inspired by God

2 Timothy 3:16–17

- All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
- Do we believe that the scriptures are inspired by God? Because I got telling you it means a lot if it is.
- Our attitude, if we truly believe the Bible is inspired by God, is one that I will seek out what He has said and I will do it.
- When I leave my Bible on the shelf, when I don't read the word of God, do I truly believe that's what it is?

3 Jesus Died on the Cross and Was Raised

1 Corinthians 15:1–8; 1 Corinthians 15:12–17

- We need to believe that Jesus died on the cross.
- That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.
- Jesus was dead. And then he was alive.
- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. And you are in your sins.
- One Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, who died on the cross for my sins, and because of it, I owe him my life.

- Pick up your cross and follow after me. That's rabid discipleship. That is radical.

4 Jesus and Judgment Are Coming

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10; 1 Thessalonians 5:5–6

- Do you truly believe that Jesus and judgment are coming? Because they are.
- When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- So then let us not sleep as others do. But let us keep awake and be sober.
- If Jesus were coming on Saturday, how would you plan your week?
- That is what a Christian does. A Christian picks up their cross and follows after Jesus.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It's easy to allow repetition to distract us from the ultimate question, which is, are you ready? Am I ready for the Lord to come?**

MY NOTES