

UCC LET'S BE PREPARED TO MEET THE LORD NOW

Christians are saved and sanctified, consecrated, and committed to serving the Lord faithfully till the end for the purpose of meeting the Lord. and receiving eternal life. We need to think about the end because sooner or later, everyone will come to his end. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. Every Christian comes to his end either by death or rapture. While some have gone, others will soon go. The end of everyone and the Church age is at hand; it may be sooner than expected. And since the end is at hand, we need to be sober and watch unto prayer.

Even sinners come to their end on earth, though they hardly think or talk about it or plan for it. And those who think about their departure are always preoccupied with wealth, estates, and others at that time useless. things they will leave behind and what people will say about them when they are gone, rather than what they will face beyond. Such people are not wise. As believers, we should prioritize and concentrate more of our attention on where we will spend eternity instead of what and whom we are leaving behind. The wise prepare for eternity, but fools come to their end without any preparation. Therefore... prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

Bishops, Evangelists, Ministers, Pastors, Preachers, and all Born Again children of God have a ministry to prepare other people for the coming of The Lord or the time of their departure. Their responsibility is to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for THE LORD. Every believer has a duty to prepare his own self, family, neighbors, and friends for The Coming of The LORD

When Noah was warned of the end of the world in his time, he prepared an ark to the saving of his house. UCC Since we do not know when we will depart this world or when the Lord will come, we should be prepared at all times by studying the Word, praying, resisting temptations, living a holy life, preaching the gospel, and serving THE Lord faithfully. People who, like Achan, Balaam, and Ahab think only about what they are leaving behind or labor for things without a thought about the future or eternity are foolish. The rapture of saints will be sudden and only those who are watchful and ready will meet the Lord when He appears.

The sorrow of hopelessness that awaits sinners at death should compel us believers to show concern for their souls and preach the gospel to them. "For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained the whole world when God taketh away his soul?" So-called believers or preachers who offer or accept bribes, steal, defraud others, indulge in pornography, immorality, or harbor anger or hatred in their hearts and not repentant nor Godly sorry are likely hypocrites.

They should understand that prayer, fasting, miracles, signs and wonders, and success in ministry are no substitutes for holiness that qualifies a person for heaven. UCC if we or any denomination, or individuals, who relegate the doctrine of Jesus Christ to the background, will stand a chance of being rejected by the Lord on the final day. “And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Those who labor tirelessly to gain the world at the expense of their salvation and sanctification experiences should know that “As he came forth of his mother’s womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor UCC LET Us Study:

(Ecclesiastes 5:15).	Col. 4:13;	1 Peter 4:7;
James 5:8;	Amos 4:12;	Luke 1:17;
Hebrews 11:7;	Matthew 24:36-39;	
Luke 17:26-29; 12:46-48;	2 Kings 20:1;	2 Samuel 17:23;
3:33; Luke 12:15-21;	1 Thessalonians 4:13,17;	1
Thessalonians 4:13; Ephesians 2:12;		Job 27:8;
Matthew 23:25-28; Proverbs 11:7;		Matthew 7:21-23;
Ecclesiastes 5:15-17; 12:7	Luke 16:19-26;	
1 Thessalonians 4:3,4,7,15-17;	Luke 16:22; 23:42,43;	Acts 7:55-59;
Luke 1:75;	1 Thessalonians 3:13;	Hebrews 12:14;
Philippians 1:21-23;	2 Corinthians 5:1,2,6,8;	Revelation 14:13.

And be ready to share in Bible Study our findings.

Why Did Jesus Urge His People To Watch And To Be Ready?

UCC The Times Are Getting Evil. We have been warned church.
2Tim.3:1-4

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

The world is careening towards Armageddon. Today we see the rise of sinful ways that are abominable to God. Abortion, same-sex marriage, and sex change are becoming more prevalent, which violate the will of God for humanity.

The days are becoming more evil as we move closer to the last days, like the time when God overthrew Sodom. Idolatry and lovers of pleasure and money have become the main focus of many people, putting evil at the center of their lives.

Satan is the prince of this earth, which is full of sin and wickedness. And it's getting worse every day. Many people have become devoted to the devil and his ways, instead of God and His laws. They are more focused on their own desires and pleasures than on their relationship with their Creator and God's will. These ways of man make us unready for God.

Assurance Of Salvation

You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Luke 12:40

The gospel stresses that salvation is a gift from God out of His abounding love for us. By sending His only Son to die on the cross for our iniquities, our salvation is secured. Our abiding faith is a gift from God that allows us to remain holy and free from the bondage of sin.

Through the sacrifice of our Messiah, we can be forgiven for our sins and receive the promise of eternal life. We are given the assurance that if we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are ready for Christ's return. By trusting in Jesus and following his commands, we can be sure that we will be ready to meet Christ now and anytime in the future.

Conclusion

In our earthly lives, we are used to getting ready for important events birthdays, weddings, and other milestones that prioritize our existence. But sadly, we neglect the utmost need to meet and be in God's presence every day. At most, we procrastinate and postpone meeting the Lord until next Sunday in church. These habits deprive us of the opportunity for God's guidance in the conduct of our daily affairs.

We must prepare to meet God now! We do not know the time of judgment, our death, or the Lord's return. The only way to meet God is through Jesus. Only in His holy name can we be assured of our relationship and salvation. Let's make our seats our altar at this time Elder Larry, will you anoint us all?