

What it Means to "Wait" For His Son from Heaven

By Larry Miles

The Apostle Paul commends the Christians in Thessalonica for their faithfulness. He tells them that the news of their faith has spread beyond their home. Other Christians have heard of their commitment to the Lord Jesus. (I Thessalonians. 1:6-8). In First Thessalonians 1:6 we are told that they were imitators of the Lord. It was not a bed of roses for them when they accepted the Lord Jesus and began to follow Him.

They became an example to others. Oh, that it could be said of us today that we live lives so close to Jesus that others will want to "conform to the image of the Son of God." They left a life of idol worship with no hope of salvation and no hope of an eternity outside of the "Lake of Fire." We are told in First Thessalonians 1:9 that they made a complete turnaround in their lives and identified with the Lord Jesus Christ. First Thessalonians 1:10 gives us the words in our title. Jesus is coming again! That is not just a pipe dream; it is a reality!

We don't know when He will come; it may be today. We are told here to be "waiting" for His return. What does that entail? Waiting for the Lord Jesus in the Scripture means that while we are waiting, we are "watching," and working for Him.

We sing a song written by Fanny Crosby, "Blessed are those whom the Lord finds watching, In His glory they shall share; If He shall come at the dawn or midnight, Will He find us watching there?" True waiting involves working for the Lord Jesus; not a working to be saved but a working *because* you are saved. We are saved by grace through faith, in baptism unto good works. Let's be like the Thessalonians and be a people who live our lives for the Lord so that others see us and glorify God. (Matthew 5:14-16).

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: Who Can Be Saved?

Arthur is preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:23-31

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** October 27th, at the building (or join us on Zoom), 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3rd Sunday):** November 21st.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, October 26th here at the building.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Chapter 2, Day 3. There are still a couple books available for \$18 each.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing-** October 31st. Where: Horseheads, NY. When: 5pm. **NEXT SUNDAY!**



- **Jerry** will be leaving for Nevada to be with his sons for the winter on November 2nd. Next Sunday will be his last with us for several months.
- Last Sunday marked **7 years** that we began meeting as the **Valley Cities church of Christ in Sayre, PA.**
- **Eileen McDowell from Arlington, TN, passed away last Sunday from covid. Eileen was the wife of Clarence McDowell, who preached for many years in Kittanning, PA, as well as having the dream of starting this church in Sayre and the one in Tunkhannock, PA.**
- **Philip Bonczek, brother of Sue Agati from the church in Horseheads, has passed away from covid.**

PRAYERS

- Pray for **Jackie.** She is dealing with edema of the legs and feet. She also has congestive heart failure. Pray for Darlene as she cares for her. Pray that they will return soon to worship with us.
- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's).
- **Pray of thanks for Robin Barry** who has started his new job in Lake Charles, LA. The house in AK is sold and they have found another in Lake Charles.
- **Steve and Amy's neighbor's sister, JoAnne,** has cancer and has been placed on Hospice care.
- **Pray for our MAGI box project.**
- Pray for **Amy's friend Marlene Hicks** who has ulcers and fatigue and is waiting for test results.
- **Pray for comfort for Sue Agati and her family on the death of her brother Phillip.**
- **Arthur** will be having a biopsy at Upstate Medical in Syracuse on Thursday, the 28th. Please pray that it is negative for cancer.
- **We pray for safe travels for Steve and Amy and a good visit with their family in Virginia.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.