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“Our Response to the Book of Revelation”

Part 4

Rev.22:12

Nov. 17, 2019

Quiz

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1. Selection of the Bride (Church) by the Father (God).

Eph 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

John 15:16

16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you,

1 John 4:19

19 We love, because He first loved us.

2. Price paid by the Bridegroom (Christ) to acquire His Bride (Church). Down payment was given.

Eph 5:25

25 just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Eph 1:13-14

13 you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,

Both are baptized.

Matt 3:15-16

15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.

16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water;

1 Cor 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Eph 5:26

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

3. Bride (Church) comes into a relationship with her Bridegroom (Christ) and the betrothal period begins. Both are baptized.

Eph 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Eph 2:4-6

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

2 Cor 11:2

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

Matt 1:18-19

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

4. Bride (Church) prepares for the wedding by working on her wedding gown.

Eph 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

5. Bridegroom (Christ) goes to prepare a place to live for His Bride (Church). Sends Holy Spirit to be a pledge.

John 14:2-3

2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Eph 1:13-14

13 having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,

6. The Father (God) knows when preparations are complete and tells His Son to get His Bride (Church).

1 Thess 5:2

2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

Matt 24:36

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

7. The Bridegroom (Christ) returns for His Bride.

1 Thess 4:16-17

6 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

8. The Bridegroom (Christ) shelters His Bride (Church) from the world for 7 days (7 years- Tribulation) in the place He has prepared.

Rev 3:7

10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

1 Thess 5:9

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

****If the Church goes through the Tribulation, you have to ask:
"Why would the bride of Christ receive the wrath of her groom just before the wedding?"***

10. Final ratification of the marriage of Bridegroom(Christ) to His Bride (Church).

Rev 19:7

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come . . ."

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Eph 5:26-27

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

9. The Bride (Church) makes herself ready by her final preparations of her wedding gown.

Rev 19:7-8

7 and His bride has made herself ready."

8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

2 Cor 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Cor 3:12-15

12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

11. Bridegroom (Christ) and the Bride (Church) appear before the world.

Col 3:4

4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Rev 19:11-14

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

12. The Marriage Feast of the Lamb.

Rev 19:9

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

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3. Fill in the blanks.



What's In Your Dash "-"?

The Four Crowns of Scripture



The Crown of Righteousness

- 2 Tim. 4:6-8
- 1 Cor. 9:24-27

Faithfulness for fighting the good fight.



The Crown of Life

- James 1:12
- Rev. 2:10

Faithfulness in trials.



The Crown of Joy

- 1 Thes. 2:19
- Phil. 4:1

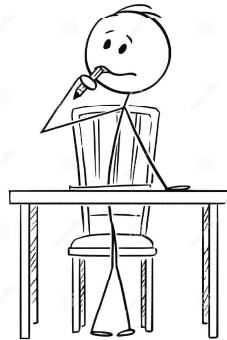
Faithfulness in evangelism & making disciples.



The Crown of Glory

- 1 Pet. 5:1-4
- 1 Cor. 3:12-15

Faithfulness in shepherding the flock of God.



1. Time



- One thing that all of us have, is the same amount of “time.” 24 hours for everyone. No more for some and no less for others.
- We don’t have and infinite amount of time to get done what God has called us to.
- Time forces us to prioritize what we do. Some things are more important than others. So I must focus on what is most important.

Therefore there are 2 things required:

- **Planned neglect:** deciding what is most important and then plan to neglect everything else without feeling guilty.*
- **The power of negative thinking:** saying “no” to good things so we can say yes to the best. Learn to turn down, to say “no” to things that will hinder you from receiving rewards. You don’t have enough time to invest in good things or better things, but only what is best.

- You may retire from your career or secular job but you will never retire from your occupation with God.
- There is a time for recreation and rest but this world has blown that way out of proportion because to the world, this is their “heaven.”
- How much time have you already lost? You can’t afford to lose any more!

96 – 15 minute segments in a day

1. _____	25. _____	49. _____	73. _____
2. _____	26. _____	50. _____	74. _____
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	46. _____	70. _____	94. _____	
	47. _____	71. _____	95. _____	
	48. _____	72. _____	96. _____	

Jonathan Edwards

#1 *Resolved*, that I will do what I think will most glorify God.

- Every day, every decision, every moment, every priority will aim at one thing and one thing only and that is to glorify God.

#5 *Resolved*, never to lose one moment of time; but seize the time to use it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

- In order to do that there needs to be 3 subjects pressed on my life on a daily basis all of the time:

1. **The shortness of life.**
2. **The certainty of death.**
3. **The length of eternity.**

Ps 139:16

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.

Job 14:5

5 "Since his days are determined,
The number of his months is with You;
And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.

Ps 90:12

12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

Jonathan Edwards prayer –

“God, stamp eternity on my eyeballs.”

- “I want to live and see everything with an eternal perspective.”
- He realized that time was a precious commodity. To him time was liquid gold.
- He realized that if he wasted and squandered his time, he could not most fully glorify God.
- The number of years, months, days, hours, and seconds of my life are sovereignly predestined by God and they are limited.
- God has determined my birth and God has determined my death.
- Therefore you do not have a second to waste. I do not have a second to waste.
- God gives us opportunities that He has appointed for us to do.
- I only have a certain number of days to take advantage of those opportunities.
- I must capture the moment when those doors swing open. Those doors later will be closed.

#7 *Resolved*, never to do anything which I would be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

- Think of the last hour of your life. What do you not want to be doing in that last hour? Don't do it now. What do you want to be doing? Do it now. Do it always.
- Christ was always preparing for the last hour of His life – "my hour has not yet come."
- We want to die with no regrets.
- Therefore you need to stay focused and riveted on the last hour of your life so you will die with no regrets.
- Today you will make decisions that will affect that last hour.

#50 *Resolved*, that I will act, and think, and judge what is best and most prudent, based on when I come into the future world.

- My life should be shaped now by what is most important in heaven.
- What are the priorities in heaven? They should be my priorities.
- What is most important there, should be most important here.

#10 *Resolved*, when I feel pain, to think of the pains of martyrdom and of hell.

- When we have trials, problems, disappointments, frustrations, tribulations, we need to keep them in proper perspective.
- Our problems paralyze us. They defeat us. They become larger and greater than life itself. They can slow us down.
- I need to be thinking of the martyrs. Those who have been burned at the stake. Those tortured. Those murdered.
- I also need to be thinking of those who will spend eternity in hell. The fact that none of us are in hell or will spend an eternity there is far more than we deserve.
- Therefore compared to the martyrs and those in hell, I have no "bad days". I have no "problems."
- I cannot let my trials and problems slow me down from making my time count for the glory of God.

#63 On the supposition, that there never was to be but one individual in the world, at any one time, who was properly a complete Christian in all respects, having Christianity always shining in its true luster, and appearing excellent and lovely, from whatever part and under whatever character viewed:

Resolved, to act just as I would do, if I strove with all my might to be that one.

- To receive a full reward, you must desire and strive to be that individual who is fully consecrated to God.
- D.L. Moody once said, "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God's help, I aim to be that man."
- Jonathan Edward's life is inspiring because of his zeal not to waste it.