



### ***Looking Ahead –***

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## ***“Our Response to the Book of Revelation”***

### ***Part 5***

### ***Rev.22:12***

Nov. 24, 2019

### **Quiz**

1. What prophetic description is given in Ez. 40-48?

**It gives us the exact details of the future Millennial Temple.**

2. T or F Unbelievers from the Church Age that go into the 7 year Tribulation are given a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance for salvation.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a lemon-yellow colored stone. When it is exposed to the air nothing happens--but if a match is put to it, it will burn in a peculiar way, like a liquid fire, and it emits noxious fumes.

**Brimstone**

4. When are the 3 “woes” given and what do each one of them mean?

## The Relationship of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls

*Seals*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1<sup>st</sup> Woe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Woe  
3<sup>rd</sup> Woe

*Trumpets*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1<sup>st</sup> Woe – Demon locusts out of the Abyss. (Rev 9:1-12)

2<sup>nd</sup> Woe – 4 demons at the Euphrates let loose. (Rev. 9:13-21; 11:7-13)

3<sup>rd</sup> Woe – 7 Bowl Judgments (Rev. 11:14-19;15,16)

*Bowls*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

## Rev 22:12

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

## 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.

"Serve the Lord with gladness;"  
Ps 100:2



1. Time

## The "Retirement Psalm"

### Psalm 71

15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness

And of Your salvation all day long;  
For I do not know the sum of them.

16 I will come with the mighty deeds  
of the Lord God; I will make mention  
of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

17 O God, You have taught me from  
my youth, And I still declare  
Your wondrous deeds.

18 And even when I am old and gray,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
Until I declare Your strength to this  
generation,  
Your power to all who are to come.

**Growing older is a great  
time to declare the salvation  
of the Lord.**

**A life of walking with God  
gives reason to declare all  
that God has done.**

**Seniors have an important  
mission: declare to the  
next generation the mighty  
power of God.**

## Ps 71:7-18

7 I have become a marvel to many, For You are my strong refuge.

8 My mouth is filled with Your praise And with Your glory all day long.

9 **Do not cast me off in the time of old age;** **Growing old does not**  
**Do not forsake me when my strength fails.** **mean you are no longer**  
**useful.**

10 For my enemies have spoken against me; And those who watch for  
my life have consulted together,

11 Saying, "God has forsaken him; Pursue and seize him, for there is no  
one to deliver."

12 **O God, do not be far from me;** **Challenges come when we get**  
**O my God, hasten to my help!** **older, but God is there to help.**

13 Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ashamed and consumed;  
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor, who seek to injure  
me.

14 **But as for me, I will hope continually,** **With increasing years, so**  
**And will praise You yet more and more.** **my praise should increase.**

## Retirement

- The concept of retirement is less than 100 years old in the U.S.
- Germany became the first nation in the world to adopt a social insurance program - 1889.
- Germany initially set age 70 as the retirement age.
- By the time America moved to social insurance in 1935 the German system was using age 65 as its retirement age.
- That retirement age just about aligned with life expectancy in Germany then. Even with retirement, most people still worked until they died.
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed the Social Security Act of 1935.
- When the Social Security Act was passed in 1935, the official retirement age was 65. Life expectancy for American men was 58 at the time.

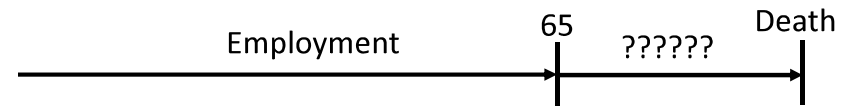
### Some problems people have with retirement.

1. You've got too much time on your hands and you don't know what you want to do.
2. You realize that a large part of your identity was associated with your work.
3. Depression, boredom, anxiety, loss of purpose, loss of routine, loss of productivity.

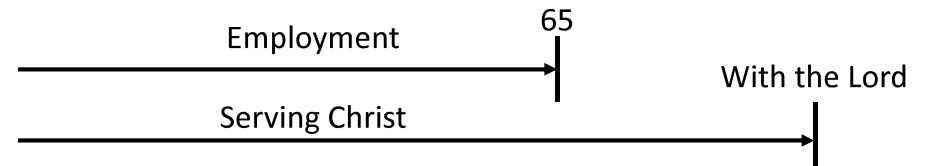
“Most people don’t die of old age, they die of retirement. I read somewhere that half the men retiring in the state of New York die within 2 years. Where in the Bible do you find retirement? Did Moses retire? Did Paul retire? Did Peter or John retire? . . . How will we live our final years to show that Christ is our treasure and not the world?”

- Ralph Winter  
U.S. Center for World Missions  
Founder

### Unbeliever



### Believer



*It is not wrong to retire from your job to make a living.  
It is wrong to retire from serving Christ.*

The tragedy of wasted lives.

What will you hand to Christ at the judgment seat?

## Rev 3:11

11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

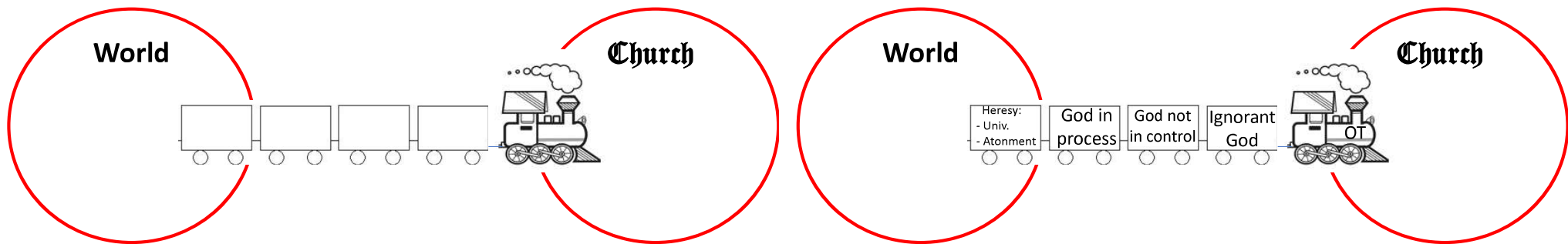
## 2 John 8

8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

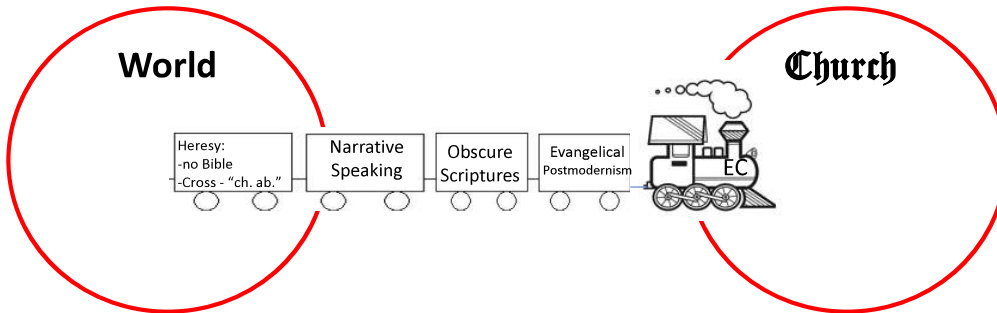
## 3 things that will rob you of your reward:

1. The time we spend in sin and living by the flesh is a waste of time. Keep your accounts short.
2. Control your feelings. I have never met a feeling I could trust. They can mess with the order of your priorities and keep you from serving God.
3. Don't board the "train" that leads to nowhere.

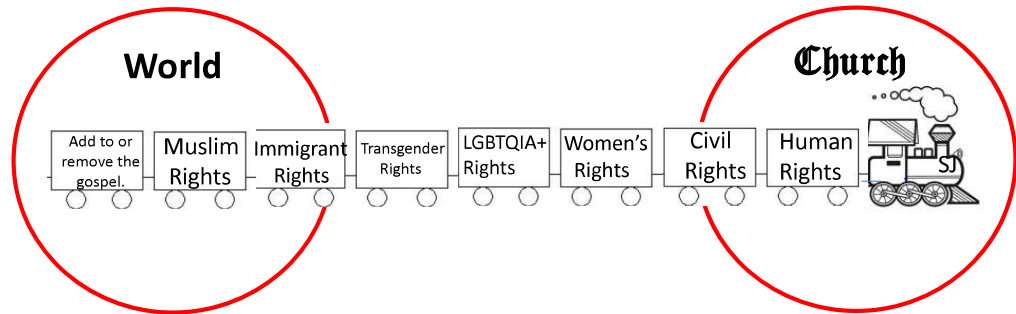
1990 - 2000



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Today



**"We are victims of systemic oppression and discrimination."**

**Equality, Access, Participation and Rights.**

Woke, Intersectionality, Critical Race Theory,  
White Privilege, Egalitarianism

### How do I glorify God and receive reward for using my time?

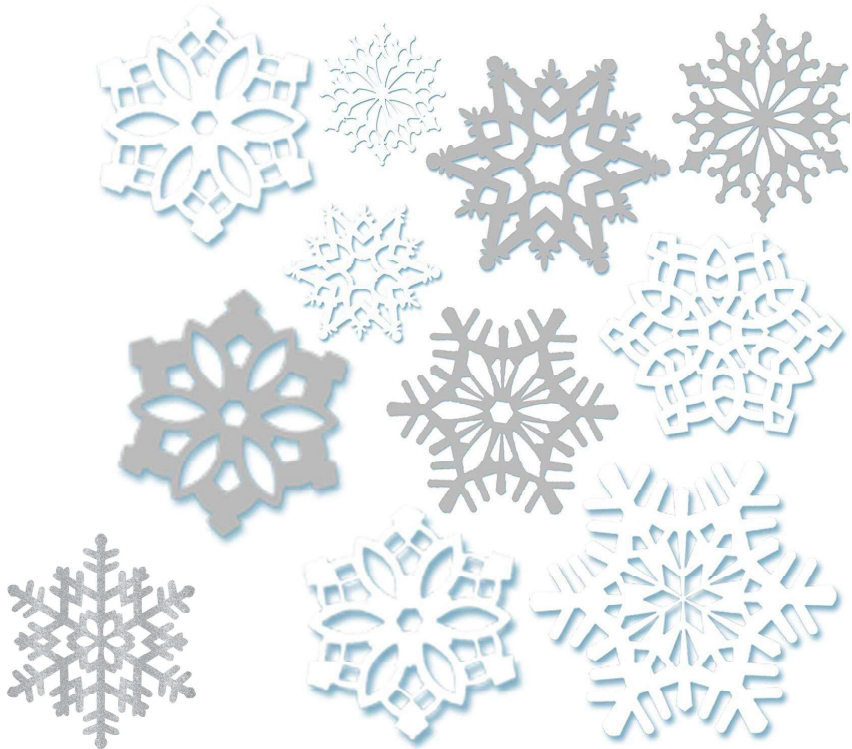
1. Look closely at how you now spend your time.
2. Visualize yourself standing before the Lord Jesus Christ. What will you hand Him that reflects your time?
3. Determine what priorities therefore you should have for spending your time.
4. Plan to neglect everything else that does not help you reach your priorities.
5. Don't waste your life on trivial pursuits.
6. Be careful of the "trains".
7. Remember to live a balanced life – factor in rest and relaxation.



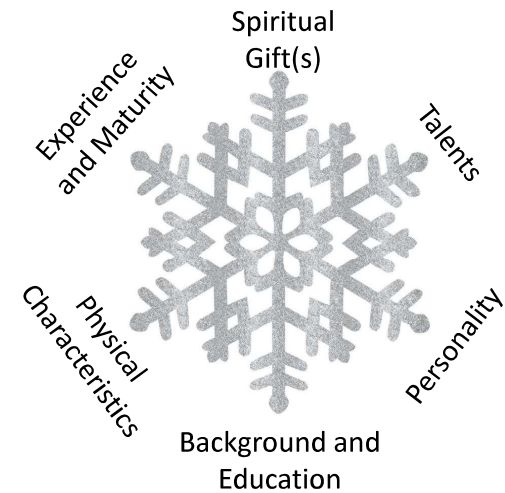
1. Time 2. Spiritual Gifts

## Spiritual Gifts

1. A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability, sovereignly given to each believer as the result of grace, for the edifying of other believers in the body of Christ.
2. A spiritual gift is a spiritual capacity for development.
3. You have at least 1 gift.
4. No believer has all of the gifts.
5. Your spiritual gift is unique to you.
6. Your gift(s) combine with:
  - Other spiritual gifts.
  - Your talents.
  - Your personality.
  - Your physical characteristics.
  - Your background.
  - Your experience.
  - Your education.
  - Your maturity.



## “You Are A Spiritual Snowflake”



### 1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,

### Rom 12:6-8

6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

## **1 Cor 12:4-11**

- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
- 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.
- 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;
- 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.
- 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

## **How do I glorify God and receive reward for using my spiritual gifts?**

1. Discover what gift(s) you have.
  - Study the gifts.
  - Look at the list - what do you enjoy doing?
  - Listen to others.
2. Work on developing your gift(s).
  - Look at biblical examples.
  - Think of how you use your gift(s).
  - Listen to others.
3. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to use your gift(s).
  - Pray for opportunities.
  - Keep your eyes open.
  - Stretch yourself.

Next week we will look at the other 5 stewardships  
where we can earn reward.