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"JESUS CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN!"
THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST WITH HIS CHURCH

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The Question Has Been and is Going to Continue to be Upon the Lips of People
Around the World...

When will Jesus Christ come again?

And Of Course, According to the Bible, When you Speak of His Coming You Need
to Remember that There are Technically Three (3) Comings of Christ.

- (1) - His Coming to Israel - as the sacrificial lamb of God - **first coming**
- (2) - His Coming in the Air to Receive Up in Heaven His/The Church - **rapture**
- (3) - His Coming to Israel to Establish His earthly kingdom - **second coming**

Before us Today is That Great Second Coming

JESUS CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN!

I.) *It's Obvious !*

v 17-18

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Obvious - is The Return of Jesus Christ!

2 Peter 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness

It's Obvious Because ...

a.) *What am I doing with my time?*

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**The Science of Physics Now Tells Us That "Time"
is a Physical Property of this Physical Universe!**

If It's Physical, Then There is a Limit to It.

If We Honestly Stop and Look Around;

we will agree that time is running out, that there is a sense that we are racing towards a climax...

Jesus Said

John 9:4-5

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

In Light of the Obvious, What Am I Doing with My Life?

What am I doing with my time?

Romans 13:11-14

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

I Need to be Spiritually Alert!!!

Ephesians 5:14-16

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." :15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, :16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

It's Obvious Because...

b.) What am I doing with my resources?

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In Light of the Obvious, What Am I Doing with My Life?

There is a Balance in Life
of what we're to do and what we get to do
what we're to do is... for God's Glory
what we get to do is... for God's Glory!

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do,
you must do all for the glory of God.

Does This, Will This, Bring Glory and Honor to God?
(things now and things in the future)

We Are God's Slaves

Romans 1:1

Paul, a ***bondservant*** of Jesus Christ...

douvloß doulos, doo'-los;

a voluntary slave-ship, a willful subjection or subservience to the will of another.
to hand back one's rights to be free

It Makes No Sense At All... Unless You Have an Amazing Master

- Whatever I Have - It's God's
- Whatever You Have - It's God's
- Whatever We Have - It's God's

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 7:23

You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

2 Peter 3:11

what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

It's Obvious Because...

c.) What am I doing with my vitality

v. 17-18

the angel called to all the birds, flesh eating birds... "Come and gather together **for the supper of the great God**, :18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great."

The supper of the great God

Notice with me the difference between verse 9 and this verse 17

Revelation 19:9

Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to **the marriage supper of the Lamb!**'"

This Great Supper of God
is the final judgment of God through (*by*) Jesus Christ

In Light of the Obvious, What Am I Doing with My Life?

The Real Life Application is This,

The Clock is Ticking - -

*Is What I Am Doing Making a Difference in My Life and in the Lives of
Others in the Eternal Realm?*

Matthew 6:19-20

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **:20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **:21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**That's Why Going to Heaven -
is Going Home for the Christian!**

Philippians 3:20-21a

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **:21** who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

Hebrews 11:10

for Abraham waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Make Your Decisions, Plans, Future,
Based Upon The Reality of Heaven - Live Now For Heaven

JESUS CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN!

II.) *It's Outrageous !*

:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together **to make war against Him who sat on the horse** and against His army.

a.) *But am I willing to follow Christ?*

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In Light of the Outrageous, How Am I Living My Life?

This is Stupid, Beyond Stupid, = Deception Destination

This Deceived World Crucified Jesus Didn't It?

This Battle Zone That will Stretch from Northern Israel through Jerusalem and southeasterly towards Jordan - the troops will amass!!!

*In a "Unified" Rebellion, The Forces of the Antichrist
will make Their Last Stand*

Outrageous - is Man's Rebel-Heart Against God!

2 Peter 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. :30 I and My Father are one."

It's Outrageous...

b.) But am I yielding to the will of God?

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In Light of the Outrageous, How Am I Living My Life?

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. :25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. :26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

It's Outrageous...

c.) *But am I obedient to what the Lord wants?*

**In Light of the Outrageous,
How Am I Living My Life?**

The Real Life Application is This;

*"Daily the Lord grants Opportunities - -
for me to Grow Under His Loving Eye*

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III.) *It's Ominous !*

v 20-21

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Ominous - is God's Judgment Upon Unbelief

The Scriptures Tell Us That There's No Unbelievers in Heaven. That should be a pretty good hint as to whom we should hang out with

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

**How Can Your Best Friend Be Heading to Hell?
How Can Your Future Husband or Wife be Heading to Hell,
and you not wind up in a messed-up relationship?**

If You're Married to an Unbeliever -
that person is your ministry, day in and day out, 24/7/365

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It's Ominous Because...

a.) We were created to do worship

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**In Light of the Ominous,
What's The Meaning of My Life?**

Acts 17:23

for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

About Worship, Jesus Said This...

John 4:22-24

You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. **:23** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **:24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

You've been created to do worship

Psalm 96:9

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness

I'm Not Worshiping God
if I want to be entertained! - *it's not for me*

I'm Not Worshiping God
if I want to be touched! - *it's not about me*

I'm Not Worshiping God
if my life is not dedicated to God - *that's a strange offering*

John 20:26-29

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" :27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." :28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" :29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

We often make light of Thomas for Being a Doubter;
we need to be more like Thomas in our worship!

It's Ominous Because...

b.) We were created to exercise faith

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**In Light of the Ominous,
What's The Meaning of My Life?**

This World is On a Quest!

the quest is to find out what my life is all about

Why am I here?

"The Purpose Driven Life"
has Already Been Given by God - Step into It!

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; - this takes faith!

You've been created to exercise faith

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. – this takes faith!

Personally, Practically,
I have no need for bungee jumping, sky diving or plunging!
My Christianity is Exciting, Sometimes too Exciting

Just By Being an Active Christian
people will want to hug you & hit you
they'll want to love you & hate you

It's Ominous Because...

c.) We were created to love and to be loved

v 20-21

And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

In Light of the Ominous, What's The Meaning of My Life?

Luke 17:24-37

For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. :25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. :26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: :27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. :28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; :29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. :30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. :31 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. :32 Remember Lot's wife. :33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. :34 I tell you, in that night there will be two *men* in one bed: ***the one will be taken*** and the other will be left. :35 Two *women* will be grinding together: ***the one will be taken*** and the other left. :36 Two *men* will be in the field: ***the one will be taken*** and the other left." :37 And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" ¶ So He said to them, "***Wherever the body (corpse) is, there the eagles (vultures) will be gathered together.***"

**This Event of Jesus' Earthly Judgment @ His Second Coming
is also found in Matthew 25**

Matthew 25:31-34,46

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory (the second coming), and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory (throne of David). :32 All the nations (of the earth) will be gathered before Him (in Jerusalem), and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. :33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left :34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: :46 And these (the goats) will **go away** into everlasting punishment, but the righteous (the elect) into eternal life. = they enter into the kingdom of Christ here on earth !!!"

Joel 3:11-14

Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. :12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. :13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow— For their wickedness *is* great." :14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

You've been created to love and to be loved

The Real Life Application is This,

*"The Reality is Certain --
I want to Be a Light to the World Around Me
that will happen when Jesus is Living His life Through Me!*

But Listen...

*Jesus Living His Life Through Me Means... LOVE
Real Christians are Commanded, And Real Christians
Desire, To Love One Another.*

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. :35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

How Can I Love You Practically?

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

What is The Law of Christ = Love

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free

End of Study
