

*“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us . . .”*

John 1:14

*All are welcome at the manger.*

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

## ***Looking Ahead –***

Dec. 15 - No class

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

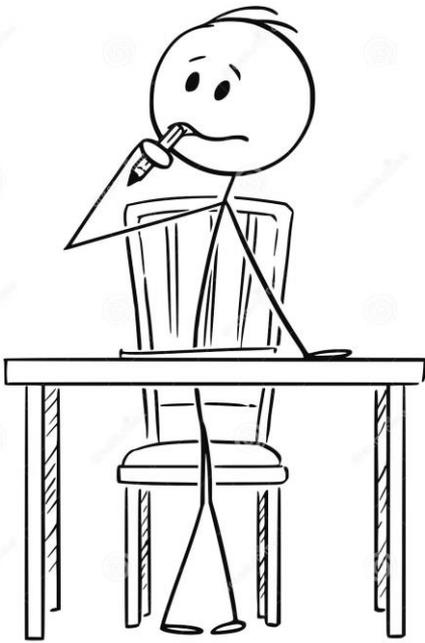
## ***Part 7***

***Rev.22:13-17***

Dec. 8, 2019

# Quiz

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- 1. Time   2. Spiritual Gifts   3. Talents   4. Spiritual Resources   5. Financial Resources   6. Material Resources   7. Relationships**

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2. Where is the key verse found where Paul says we will all appear before Christ to be evaluated?

**2 Cor 5:10**

3. Why is the date when the book of Revelation was written so important for the Preterist?

**Preterist – all or most of the events that take place in the book of Revelation have already occurred.**

**If Rev. is written in 95 AD, it blows up their view.**

**So they must make the date before 70 AD when the destruction of Jerusalem happened.**

**Rev. then describes that destruction.**

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# The Last Invitation

I. There is nothing beyond the person of the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation. (13)

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## Rev 1:17

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **(comfort)**

## Rev 2:8

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: **(authority)**

## **3 ways to state the eternality of God:**

### **1. “ $\alpha$ and the $\omega$ ”**

- Christ is the A – Z. He is complete.

### **2. “first and the last”**

- There is no one before Him and there is no one after Him.

### **3. “beginning and the end”**

- Since He was the beginning, He received no power from anyone.
- Since he is the middle, he shares his power with no one.
- Since he is the end, he never hands over his power to anyone.

## **Rom 11:30**

36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

- **Christ is all** – Ark, Passover Lamb, Kinsman-Redeemer, Door, Light, Shepherd, Bread, Vine, Potter, Bridegroom, Morning Star, Lily of the Valley, Rose of Sharon.

• **If you think there is salvation outside of Christ, there is not.**

**Acts 4:12**

12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

• **If you think there is another way outside of Christ, there is not.**

**John 14:6**

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

• **If you think there is something that will come in the future outside of Christ that will give eternal life, there is not.**

**1 John 5:11-14**

11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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**II. The only way you will ever get to heaven is by the forgiveness of your sins and being clothed with the righteousness of Christ.**

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**Psa 51:7**

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Isa 1:18**

"Though your sins are as scarlet,  
They will be as white as snow;

**Rev 3:5**

5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments;

**Rev 7:13-14**

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"

14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**\*The proper attire in Heaven is a white robe.**

- Entrance into Heaven will never be permitted unless your sins are forgiven.
- Once forgiveness is received, you will have access to the tree of life and entrance through the gates of the capital city.

- **If you think that forgiveness comes through anything or anyone else other than the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, it does not.**

### **Eph 1:7-8**

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace . . .

- **If you think your self-righteousness or someone else's self-righteousness, other than the righteousness of Jesus Christ, can get you into heaven, it can not.**

### **Isa 64:6**

6 And all our righteous deeds are like filthy rags;

### **Rom 3:10**

10 "There is none righteous, no, not one;

- **If you think God will allow entrance into Heaven solely on the basis of his love for mankind without the forgiveness of sin, He will not.**

## **Titus 3:4-8**

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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### III. Habitual sin manifests itself in all kinds of ways. The consequence of which is the Lake of Fire (“Outside”)

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“**dogs**” - Dogs in the first century were not domestic animals. They milled around the garbage of the city, and they were despicable creatures for the most part. And calling someone a dog was referring to the person of the most low character.

**Dogs in the Bible represent:**

#### ***1. Male Homosexual Prostitutes.***

**Deut 23:18**

18 "You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a dog into the house of the Lord your God for any votive offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God.

#### ***2. Unbelieving Gentiles.***

**Matt 15:26-27**

6 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

#### ***3. Judaizers.***

**Phil 3:2**

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

- **If you think your sin is minor, small, or insignificant, it is not.**

## **James 2:10**

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

- **If you think your personal sin escapes God's judgment, it will not.**

## **Rev 21:8**

8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

### **3 additional lists of sins:**

#### **1 Cor 6:9-11**

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

#### **Gal 5:19-22**

9 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

#### **Eph 5:5**

5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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## **Matt 22:41-46**

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question:

42 "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David."

43 He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

44 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET"?"

45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"

46 No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

- Jesus is the God of David, his *Lord*. In His humanity, Jesus is in the line of descent from David—the son of David. Thus, Jesus is both David's master and his son.

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- The “morning star” is a name given to the planet Venus when it appears in the east just before the sunrise.
- The Morning Star shines and welcomes the new day.
- Jesus, as well, welcomes a new day of redemption.

# The Lily of the Valley

1. I have found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me,  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;  
The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see  
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.  
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;  
He tells me every care on Him to roll.

**Refrain:**

***He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.***

- If you think Jesus was a just good man, a good example, or an inspirational leader, He was not.

## **John 10:30**

30 "I and the Father are one."

## **John 14:9**

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## **V. If you desire to come to Christ, you can.**

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- **The invitation for salvation comes from 3 different individuals:**

1. The Holy Spirit.
2. The Bride (Church).
3. The one who has heard, understands, and believed.

\* The Holy Spirit and the Church, both are God's agents for evangelism.

- **You can come if you –**

- **Are thirsty.**

**Matt 5:6**

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**John 7:37**

Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

- **Desire to drink the water of eternal life.**
- **Will receive salvation by grace (without cost).**

**Isa 55:1**

1 "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;

And you who have no money come, buy and eat.

Come, buy wine and milk

Without money and without cost.

Are you thirsty? Then **come**.

Do you desire to be saved? Then **come**.

Do you want to be forgiven of your sin? Then **come**.

Do you desire to turn from your sin? The **come**.

Do you want eternal life? **Then come**.

Are you tired of trying to earn salvation by your good works?  
Then **come**.

“All the prophets of the Bible, all the apostles of the Bible, all the threatenings of the Bible, all the promises of the Bible, gather themselves up, and focus themselves into this one burning ray, ‘Come to Jesus. Come, and take the water of life freely.’”

- Charles Spurgeon

# **Invitation Summary**

- 1. There is only 1 place to find salvation – Jesus Christ.**
- 2. Jesus Christ alone provides forgiveness of sin and a robe of righteousness, both required to enter Heaven.**
- 3. Your sin, whatever it is, will send you to Hell.  
Repentance from your sin is the first step to salvation.**
- 4. Jesus Christ, being fully God and fully man, is the only One qualified to bring you salvation.**
- 5. If you desire to come to Christ for salvation, you can right now.**

Next time we meet (Jan.5) we will look at one of  
the strongest warnings in the Bible.

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!*

*Dick and Bev*