

“WAITING FOR JESUS”

I THESSALONIANS 1:10

(52-7)

What are you doing in your life that will last forever?

All of the magnificent buildings of Solomon, including the Temple are gone. All of the wonderful buildings of Herod are rubble. The Pyramids are crumbling, the Tower of Pisa is leaning . . . Paul came to Thessalonica with an offer of something they could become a part of that never ends. Christ said here is something anyone in my family can do! Jesus said:

- I collect all of your prayers - PRAY! Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (KJV)
- I multiply sacrificial gifts - GIVE! Mark 12:42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. (KJV)
- I count souls you lead to me - WIN! Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. 1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. (KJV)
- I remember humble service - SERVE! Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. (KJV)
- I love missionaries that do outreach - GO! Matthew 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. (KJV)

Born 1858

China (15) 1885-1900

India (6) 1900-1906

England 1906-1908
Africa (21) 1910-1931
Mrs. Studd Died 1929
C.T. died July 1931

- I. They had A NEW REASON TO LIVE: Wait for Son [1:10]
 - A. Wait for Son [1:10]
 1. Waiting for Jesus is Denying ungodliness Titus 2:11-13
For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (KJV)
 2. Waiting for Jesus is Watching Eagerly. Philippians 3:20-21
For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (KJV)
 3. Waiting for Jesus is Living and Dying in hope Genesis 48:15-16
And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. (KJV)
 4. Waiting for Jesus is seeing God's Hand Genesis 50:19-20
And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (KJV)
 5. Waiting for Jesus is Looking for a city with foundations Hebrews 11:13
These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (KJV)
 - B. What are the benefits of waiting for the Son? What will looking at Jesus help you overcome or at least endure? Who waited for Jesus and when?
 1. ENOCH LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH DEMON TIMES
Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. (KJV); Hebrews 11:5-6 By faith Enoch

was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV). The world was literally on its last leg. Evil was everywhere. God was almost closed out. People were so wicked they had to be exterminated!

2. **JOB LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH SICKNESS AND SUFFERING TIMES** Job 19:25-26 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: (KJV) Satan buffets, beloved children die, life savings destroyed, wife torments, friends accuse and his body wastes! That is affliction!
3. **MOSES LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH DISSAPPOINTING TIMES** Deuteronomy 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them. (KJV) What amazing dissappointments Moses faced!
 - a) Meteoric career in Egyptian Politics and military but hot temper puts him in desert obscurity
 - b) Quiet family life in the country, God's call puts him in the hot seat away from his family .
 - c) As a willing servant he became the greatest deliverer of all time next to Christ.
 - d) As a humble follower he became the greatest prophet, knowing God face to face. He glowed from the contact with God.
 - e) After leading the people 40 years as a self sacrificing servant leader, they continually (10x) rebel.
 - f) In one angry act he is shut out of the Promised Land!
4. **DANIEL LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH PAGAN TIMES** Daniel 7:9-10 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the

judgment was set, and the books were opened. (KJV)
Captivity, POW

5. ZECHARIAH LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH DISASTER
TIMES Zechariah 14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the
mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach
unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the
earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the
LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.
(KJV) The mighty earthquakes of life, disasters
unexpected, known only to God.

6. PETER AND PAUL LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH PRISON
AND MARTYRDOM TIMES

a) 2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have
fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I
have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for
me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not
to me only, but unto all them also that love his
appearing. (KJV);

b) 2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his
promise, look for new heavens and a new earth,
wherein dwelleth righteousness. (KJV);

c) 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled
rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed
from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire
taking vengeance on them that know not God, and
that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
(KJV)

7. JOHN LOOKED FOR JESUS THROUGH LONELY TIMES
Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every
eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all
kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so,
Amen. (KJV) He was the last Apostle, disciple, last
Christian? on a lonely island. . .

C. They had experienced the DOCTRINE OF SALVATION¹ Some
years ago a man in a penitentiary studied a Moody
correspondence course. He found Christ. In answer to one of
the questions which gave him an opportunity to express where
he stood in relation to his newfound faith, he wrote down: "I am
a new man in an old body." It was a most perceptive remark.
For that is what salvation is. But it will go even further than that

¹ Phillips, 100 New Testament Outlines, #100.

saved prisoner realized. One day he will be a new man in a new body.

1. REPENTANCE: A CHANGE OF MIND Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (KJV)
2. REGENERATION: A CHANGE OF HEART John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (KJV)
3. CONVERSION: A CHANGE OF LIFE Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)
4. ADOPTION: A CHANGE OF FAMILY Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (KJV)
5. SANCTIFICATION: A CHANGE OF BEHAVIOR Hebrews 10:14-16 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; (KJV)
6. JUSTIFICATION: A CHANGE OF STATE Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)
ILLUSTRATION: "justified" In popular, everyday language the word can be paraphrased: "just as if I'd never sinned!" Some years ago a wealthy Englishman bought a Rolls Royce car and took it to France on his vacation. It broke down. At great expense the factory flew out a mechanic and not only repaired the car but entertained the customer in the best available hotel. When he arrived home he expected to receive a large bill but none came. Eventually he wrote, asking for his account to be rendered. He received this reply: "Dear Sir, We have no record of anything ever having gone wrong with your car." That is exactly what it means to be justified. It means that God

has no record of anything ever having gone wrong in our lives.

7. GLORIFICATION: A CHANGE OF PLACE John 17:24
Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. (KJV)

JUSTIFICATION	A Sinner stands before God as accused and is declared righteous by His imputed righteousness.
REDEMPTION	A Sinner stands before God as a slave and is granted freedom by His ransom.
FORGIVENESS	A Sinner stands before God as a debtor and is forgotten by His payment.
RECONCILIATION	A Sinner stands before God as an enemy and is made a friend by His peace.
ADOPTION	A Sinner stands before God as a stranger and is called a Son by His choice.