

# YOUR LIFE AND GOD'S PLANS FOR THE WORLD

## I. THE BIG PICTURE OF YOUR LIFE

A. Philippians 1:6. You were saved; God is working in you now; and your salvation will be completed on the day of Christ, when Christ returns to rapture the believers. All believers from all time will be glorified on that day. God focuses not on death but on life, on you spiritually living and on you physically being glorified. John 11:25-26, Romans 8:30

B. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31. Your life is summed up by three words. The word "*righteousness*" refers to when you were born again and justified. The word "*sanctification*" refers to your life now, when you are spiritually growing up. The word "*redemption*" refers to the future when you will be glorified. Ephesians 1:4, 4:30

C. Colossians 3:3-4. "*You have died*" refers to being justified, when you were crucified with Christ. "*Your life is hidden with Christ*" refers to you now being sanctified and Christ's life being lived in you. "*When Christ who is your life is revealed,*" refers to when Christ returns and is revealed and you will be raptured and glorified. "*Then you will also be revealed with Him in glory*" refers to when you will reign with Christ during the millennium.

## II. THE BIG PICTURE OF GOD'S PLANS FOR THE WORLD – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A. Christ was the first one to live and then physically die and then be raised again, and never to physically die again. Verses 20-21

B. All those who are believers are made alive, and this is referring to the entirety of your salvation - your justification, sanctification and glorification. Verse 22

C. All believers will be fully made alive, that is, glorified at Christ's coming. Verse 23, 1 Thessalonians 5:23

D. Christ will reign during the millennial kingdom, all His enemies will be defeated, and then death will be fully defeated. Then comes the end of that age. Verses 24-27, Revelation 20

E. Jesus Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, and then the eternal kingdom age begins. God will reign and be perfectly worshiped. There will be a new heaven, a new earth, a new city; there will be perfect love, joy and peace; there will be perfect relationships; we will have perfect bodies; we will live in a perfect home. Verses 24, 28; Ephesians 1:21, 2:7

### III. ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY SUMMED UP - FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

- A. Part 1 is Genesis 1-2: Adam and Eve were perfect and were ruling over a perfect world.
- B. Part 2 is Genesis 3 – Revelation 19: the devil is ruling over an imperfect world. This is called the present evil age, the age we now live in. 1 John 5:19
- C. Part 3 is Revelation 20: Jesus Christ will be perfectly reigning with believers over an imperfect world. This will be a very good age, a glorious age.
- D. Part 4 is Revelation 21-22: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit will be perfectly reigning and ruling over a perfect universe and a perfect earth.

### IV. DO YOU SEE WHERE YOU ARE AT?

A. We are now living at the end of Part 2, at the very end of this present evil age. Since we are in the end times, then we know that the next age is soon to begin. You need to see the big picture, all that God has done in the past, where we are at right now, and all that God will do in the future. You need to see that this is now your time to live and to run your part of the race for the Lord. Hebrews 12:1-3

B. Having the big picture gives you clarity about your life and purpose, gives you hope, gives you a reason to live, and gives you reason to give glory to God. Psalm 145:1-2

**THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHERN, BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE,  
ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD,  
KNOWING THAT YOUR WORK IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN.  
1 Corinthians 15:58**