

Lesson 68 Answers and Comments

Correction for lesson 68 - Deut. 19:20 should be Deut. 29:20

Asleep	mourned	in
Slept	son	you
Buried	days	hope
Sleep	not	glory
Dust	die	
Earth	turneth	
Graves	not	
Bodies	spare	
Saints	anger	
Slept	jealousy	
Asleep	smoke	
Rest	curses	
Sleep	blot	
Died	name	
Sleep	curse	
Jesus	bless	
Sorrow	himself	
Not	place	
As	imagination	
Others	forgotten	
No	hideth	
Hope	see	
Know	no	
Rise	hope	
Resurrection	hope	
Wept	you	
Sackcloth	heaven	

I think the saddest two words in the Bible are “no hope”. This was our condition before we trusted Christ as our Saviour. Paul reminds the Gentiles at Ephesus that they once had “no hope” Eph. 2:12. Every so often we should think about where we used to be. The enormity of our lostness! The peril of our soul! The eternal damnation that awaited us!

Paul does this on numerous occasions.

Eph. 5:8 “...ye were sometime darkness...”

Col. 3:7 “In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.”

I Cor. 6:11 “And such were some of you:”

Oh, but never, never define yourself as having no hope now that you’re saved!! Finish I Cor. 6:11 “...but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

“Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice.”

Our, “no hope”, condition should make the love of Christ giving Himself for us burn brighter and constrain us to present ourselves a “living sacrifice”.

Lesson 69 Ignorant Brethern

I Thes. 4:13 “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others, which have no hope.” Vs. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.”

From vs. 14 we learn that just as sure as Christ died and was resurrected, so also shall the believer. We need no greater evidence than the death and resurrection of Christ in which to rest our faith for our resurrection.

I Cor. 15:14 “And if _____ be not _____, then is our preaching _____, and your _____ is also vain.”

Everything hinges on the resurrection of Christ. Why? The resurrection stands as a testimony of Christ’s redemptive work being accepted by God as full payment for our sin.

Rom. 4:25 “Who was _____ for our _____, and was _____ again for our _____.”

God approved, was satisfied, with His Son’s payment for our sin, and death could not hold the Lord.

Death can no more hold us than it could the Lord.

I Cor. 15:54-57, vs. 55 “O _____, where is thy _____? O _____, where is thy _____? Praise be to God, death and the grave have been _____ up in victory vs. 54. What a grand and glorious truth to collapse in. Do you ever just sink down in these verses? Do you ever just frolic in these wonderful truths? Go ahead, let these verses, Christ’s resurrection, fill your soul with confidence, delight and comfort! That’s what they’re there for, not just to be some fact tucked away in our brain.

Let’s get back to I Thess. 4 and continue on in our understanding. In verse 15 we read “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord...”

The words Paul is speaking are the word of the Lord. I Tim. 6:3 “If any man teach otherwise, and consent not too wholesome words, even the _____ of our _____...”

Paul is about to reveal a stupendous event that is part of the mystery truth revealed to him. He had better have it on “the word of the Lord”. This event was not prophesied. This event, though often confused and mixed with the prophesied second advent (return) of Christ cannot be found prior to Paul. It concerns the church, the body of Christ, an entity that only Paul reveals. Therefore Paul confirms this truth with the statement “by the word of the Lord”. And what is this great event we are not to be ignorant of?

I Thess. 4:15 “...that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are _____.” Vs. 16 For the Lord himself shall _____ from _____ with a _____, with the _____ of the _____, and with the _____ of God: and the _____ in Christ shall _____ first: vs. 17 Then we which are _____ and _____ shall be _____ together with them in the _____, to _____ the _____ in the _____: and so shall we _____ be _____ the Lord.”

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This is a spectacular event for the body of Christ. Paul refers to it as our _____ in Titus 2:13. This event marks the end of the “dispensation of the grace of God”. Our removal clears the way for God to resume His prophetic program, Daniel’s seventieth week, to run its course with the judgment of God on the earth and the fulfillment of all His covenants with His earthly people, Israel. Are saints ignorant of this event? How many preachers have we heard apply the “signs” of Matt. 24 to our blessed hope?

Matt. 24:37 “But as in the days of _____ were, so shall also the _____ of the _____ of man be.” Vs. 40 “Then shall _____ be in the _____; the _____ shall be _____, and the other _____.” And so on. Or the signs of Matt. 24:6, 7 “And ye shall hear of _____ and rumors of wars...” vs. 7 “And nation shall rise _____ nation...there shall be _____ and _____, and _____, in divers places.”

A complete ignorance of the meaning of these scriptures abounds. A failure to see Paul as the revealer of church (the body of Christ) truth, results in a confusing of the scriptures. If there is a doctrine that is for the body of Christ it must have its foundation in Paul’s epistles!

I Cor. 2:7 “But we speak the _____ of _____ in a _____, even the _____”

Rom. 16:25 “...according to the _____ of the _____, which was kept _____ since the world began.”

Eph. 3:3 “How that by _____ he made _____ unto me the _____...” vs. 5 “Which in other ages was _____ made _____ unto the sons of men, as it is _____ revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.” And vs. 6 tells us that the mystery was the “body” of which Gentiles are now fellowheirs. How sad to hear believers mixing up these scriptures, confusing other believers, and remaining a part of the “ignorant” brethren” crowd.

Then I hear the familiar, “Oh what difference does it make anyway?”

Is the word of the Lord unimportant? I think not!

Paul ends with I Thess. 4:18 “Wherefore _____ one another with _____.” These words of the Lord are designed to comfort us when a believer that we love dies. We will be reunited at this amazing event!

I have never met or seen many of those receiving these studies, but I love you. I pray for you, I hold you in my thoughts and heart. I don’t know if I will go before you in death, but this I know, I will meet you in the air!

