"There is a Last, Last Chance" <u>Revelation 14: 6-13</u>

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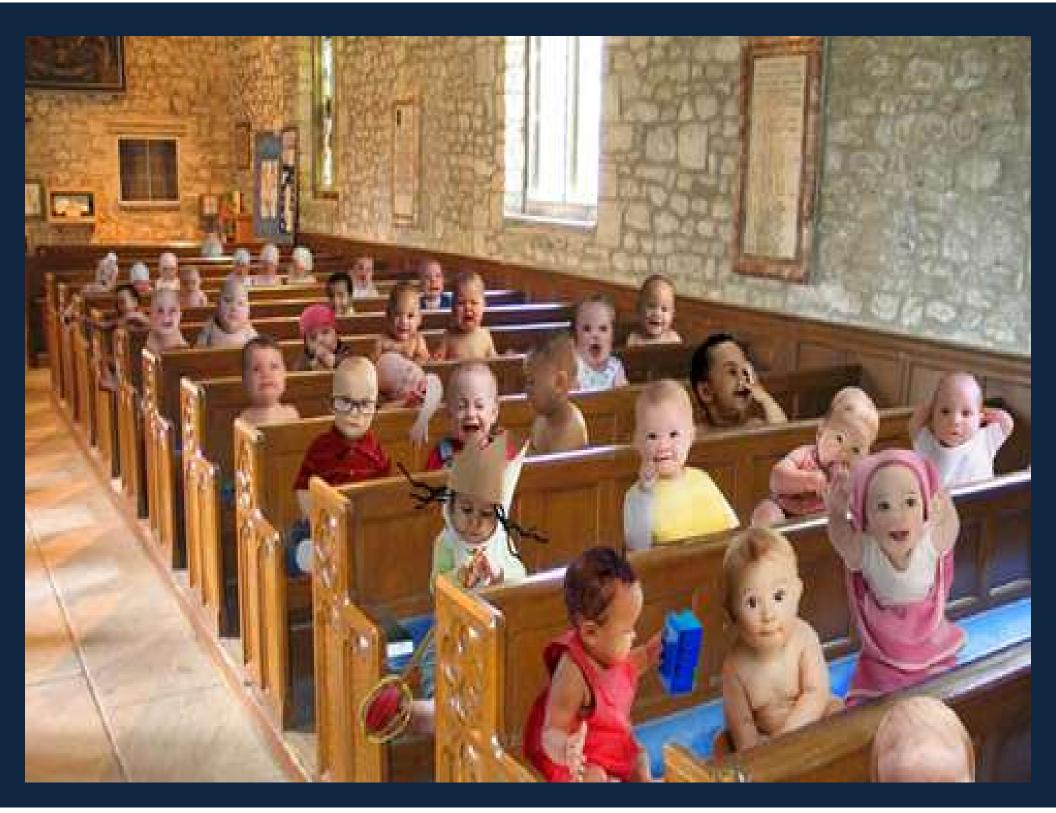
There is a *big* difference between being saved and being a disciple!

JUSTIFICATION - SALVATION	DISCIPLESHIP
FREE GIFT	COSTLY
RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH	ENTERED INTO THROUGH COMMITMENT AND OBEDIENCE THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENABLEMENT
NOT BY WORKS	INVOLVES OUR COOPERATION
INSTANT	LIFE-LONG PROCESS
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
JESUS PAID THE PRICE	BELIEVER PAYS THE PRICE
TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR	FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL	OBEY THE COMMANDS
ONE CONDITION	MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
EXPERIENCED BY ALL CHRISTIANS	EXPERIENCED BY SOME CHRISTIANS
RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE	RESULTS IN REWARDS & AUTHORITY

Adapted from http://www.gracelife.org/resources/gracenotes.asp?id=23

No one is saved to be a forever baby Christian!





Verse 6 - 7 A warning angel with the Gospel

Angels are messengers, dispatched by God, to do His bidding

This warning angel has a last chance warning with the *"Everlasting Gospel"*

The message to the world is clear: Believe the True Gospel

Do not buy into antichrist's delusion and lies!

Verse 8

Another warning angel -Babylon has fallen!

This warning angel's message could not be clearer: "Babylon is fallen"

Ancient Babylon is a place where mankind worshipped false gods and threw away the True God

BABEL THE BIRTHPLACE OF DIVERSITY BLOG BY RYAN WOLFE

All false religious systems can be traced back to Babel

The world cries diversity

Humanity decides what is good for humanity, *not God*!

The creature tells the Creator what is important (human hubris and arrogance)

Babylon will be totally destroyed, suddenly and completely!

Jeremiah 51: 8 Revelation 18: 10 Revelation 18: 19

When will this destruction happen? When Jesus returns and with a word, destroys everything Satan holds dear!

> Revelation 19: 15 Revelation 19: 19-21

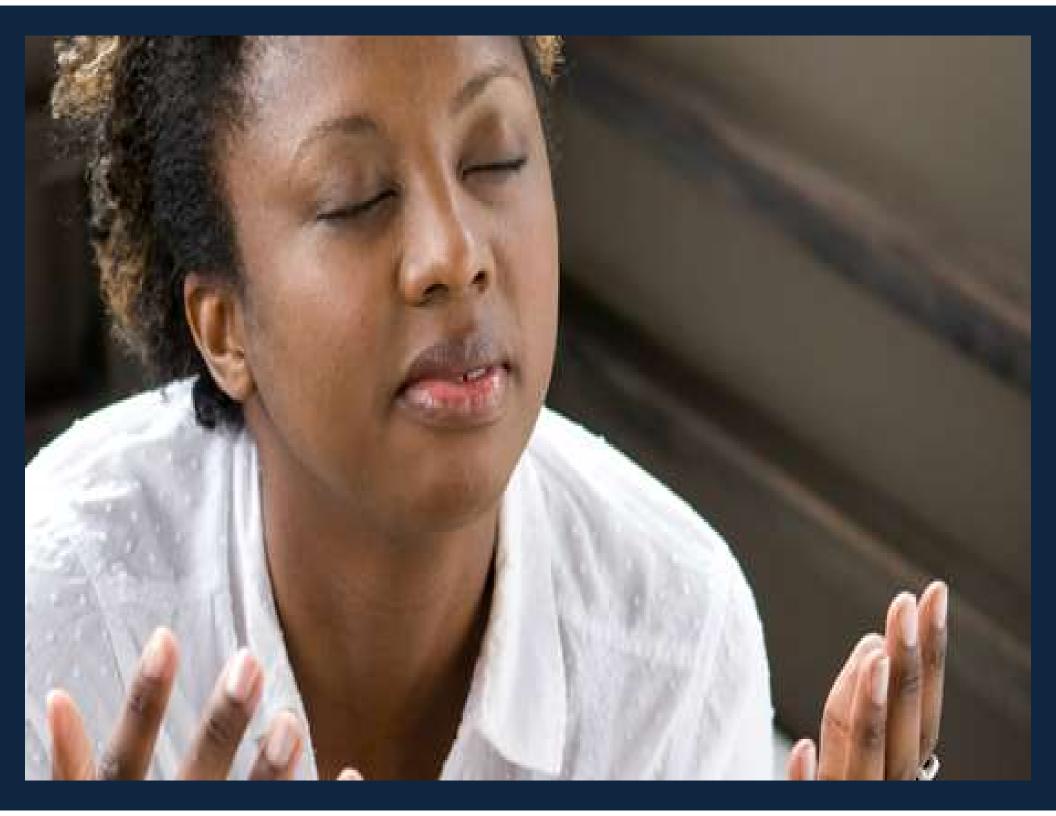
The lesson for us today is clear:

 Do not be dismayed, anxious or worried as the world rushes to Babylon

- 2) Stand like a bull in a blizzard for truth!
- 3) Be a voice of calm assurance in the chaos



The lesson for us today is clear: 4) Trust God and do not fear!



Verse 9 - 11 Third warning angel -Do not take the mark!

Facts about the mark:

- 1) People will know what they are doing, they will not be tricked!
- 2) The pressure to take the mark will be enormous!
- 3) Most of the world will clamor to take the mark
- 4) Some will feel pressure, cave, and take the mark
- 5) Some will rationalize and take the mark

Facts about the mark:

- 6) The mark is pledging allegiance and worship to Satan
- 7) Those who take the mark are doomed for eternity (verse 10)
- 8) An eternal hell awaits -"their torment ascends forever and ever" (verse 11)

Facts about hell:

- 1) Hell was created for the devil and his angels - <u>Matthew 25: 41</u>
- 2) Hell was in existence prior to the fall of man
- 3) God's strong desire is for no one to go there - <u>2 Peter 3: 9</u> <u>1 Timothy 2: 4</u>
- 4) Hell is eternal <u>Matthew 25: 46</u>

Verse 12 - 13 The patience of the Saints

An identifying quality of one who *"dwells in Christ"* = patience

Patience = "hupomone" = patient with circumstances, endures circumstances

These courageous saints *"keep the commandments of God"* and *die in the Lord"*

They refuse to give in and refuse to give up!

They know that their lot is preferable to those who take the easy way out and worship the beast!!

Obeying the commandments of God demonstrates genuine faith -<u>James 2 : 17</u>

Luke 6: 46

Why do New Testament believers obey the Ten Commandments?

Demonstrates love for God
<u>John 5: 3</u>

2) Demonstrates loyalty to the True God, YHWH! Exodus 20: 3-7

<u>CLOSING</u>:

THERE IS A LAST, LAST CHANCE

There is a time when God says ENOUGH!!

When does God finally say enough? When a person or a nation is confirmed in their unbelief and abandons the True God!

We are witnessing a nation being given over to its sinful desires

America has abandoned the True God for the gods of this age!

The Result:

Lawlessness, chaos, a moral free fall, *"calling evil good and* good evil" (Isaiah 5: 20) In a world that denies objective truth, your mission is to introduce people to the truth - *the True God*!

It is not simply words, but your life, what does your life look like?

Have you earned the right to be heard, or are you blending with the world?

One guy put it this way:

"A Christian's life should stand out to the world as different. We should be like zebras among horses.

When our life is indistinguishable from the world's, we are like albino zebras. They really are zebras, their parents are zebras, they know they are zebras inside.

But to all who see them from the outside, they are no different from horses."

The world does not understand that *"faithful zebras"* cannot compromise the truth message

We cannot give in to be popular, or to be safe, tolerant, politically correct or liked

Our job is to join God where He is at work and speak the truth in love!

God does give last, last chances!

IT IS TIME FOR THE *ELIJAH'S* AND *JOSHUA'S* TO STAND!!

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!" Joshua 24: 15