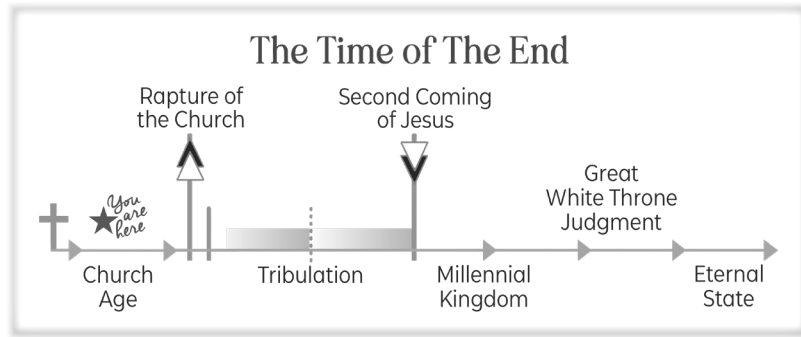


# Preparing for Your "Groomsday"

MATTHEW 25:1-13



**parable** a story using everyday situations to explain heavenly truth which can be applied to everyday life

## I. Spiritual preparation is essential because you don't know when it will be \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'" vv. 1-6*

Your preparation could be called upon at a time you're not \_\_\_\_\_ . (Heb 3:15)

## II. Spiritual preparation is every person's individual \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'" vv. 7-9*

Your preparation for the kingdom to come can illuminate someone else's path to \_\_\_\_\_ . (Phil 2:14-15)

## III. Spiritual preparation will be revealed and have an everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'" vv. 10-12*

Your participation in the kingdom then is based on preparedness for the kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 Cor 13:5)

Living with  
**The  
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### **LIVING WITH The End IN MIND**

*"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." v. 13*

**Watch for the right things ...  
like your heart, not the \_\_\_\_\_ .**

Living with **The End** in Mind  
DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. How does looking forward to Jesus' return keep harmony in the church? What is the danger when we have to wait a long time for His coming, and He seems to delay?

2. Read Matthew 25:1-13. A good way to ensure that you understand a passage of Scripture is to summarize it in your own words. Take a few moments to summarize this parable. What truth is Jesus presenting to listeners/readers?

**FOR THIS WEEK**

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

**Matthew 25:13**

*"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

JOURNAL:

**Matthew 25:1-13**

"There are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil when they discovered they needed it. We cannot borrow a relationship with God; we must possess it for ourselves. We cannot borrow a character; we must be clothed with it. We cannot always be living on the spiritual capital which others have amassed. There are certain things we must win or acquire for ourselves, for we cannot borrow them from others."

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3. What are the ways we can prepare now for living in Christ's kingdom later? What does daily life look like when we live as if He could call us to Him at any time?

4. The foolish bridesmaids carried lamps that looked exactly like the others, but they had nothing to burn in them, nothing that would give light and significance. A torch without fuel is obviously worthless, but how is a profession of faith in Jesus Christ without a saving relationship to Him infinitely more worthless?

5. In preparation for appearing before our Lord one day, would you say that you're fully assured of your salvation and standing before God? Have you been living your life as if He might call you home this very moment? If not, why not?

**JOURNAL Matthew 25:1-13**

What responsibility does each Christian have before God that no one else can fulfill for them? In what ways do you tend to count on more mature Christians to do things you should be doing for yourself instead?

**COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL**

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