

Loving One Another as End Time Preparation **Matthew 25:31–46**

What is going to happen?

“I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13–14)

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” (Isaiah 9:6–7)

When will these things happen?

Does this passage teach works salvation?

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8–10)

“So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.” (Matthew 7:17)

How should Jesus’ teaching change your life today?

- **View loving relationships in the church as end-times preparation.**

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

*“By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have **confidence for the day of judgment**, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (1 John 4:17–21)*

Satan's strategy today is to convince the church that loving, sacrificial community is optional. What does this look like?

- Emphasizing doctrine without application. Christianity then becomes academic head knowledge alone, without holiness and deep fellowship in loving community.
- De-emphasizing community. Convince Christians gathering is non-essential for growth.

- **Let the realities of eternal hell and eternal heaven drive you to tell others about Jesus.**

"God's wrath is not a cranky explosion, but his settled opposition to the cancer of sin which is eating out the insides of the human race he loves with his whole being."--Becky Pippert