

END-TIMES #4

The Bottom Line

Different views re details of End-Times

- A. Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing.
- B. Do not be dogmatic about your views.
- C. Do **not part fellowship** just on this.
- D. Walk very close with God and serve Him.

The Church as the Body Of Christ

The IDENTITY of the Church = the Body of Christ

- > 2 Thessalonians 2:7 - The "he" taken out
 - > Ephesians 4:13 - The Perfect Man
- Christ as Head and the Body of Christ is ONE

The Church as the Bride of Christ

RELATIONSHIP between Christ and the church is "LIKE" or "AS" a bride to the bridegroom.

This speaks of intimacy in the relationship.

Ephesians 5 - Husbands are to love their wives
"AS" Christ loves the church.

Ephesians 5:22-23 (NIV)

22Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

23For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour.

Colossians 1:18

He is the head of the body, the church ...


2 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV)

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy.

I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Ephesians 5:32


This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.



It is ok to use all these terms:
 The Church **“is”** or **“as”**


- ✓ The Bride of Christ
- ✓ The Body of Christ
- ✓ The Army of God
- ✓ The Family of God

More important - dwell intimately with God



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 1. **BBTCians know reality of the Lord's Coming back for them.**
 2. **Inspired to study more on your own.**
 3. **Understand Time-Line and Global Events in light of Scriptures.**
 4. **Redeem the Time - Get Lives in Order.**

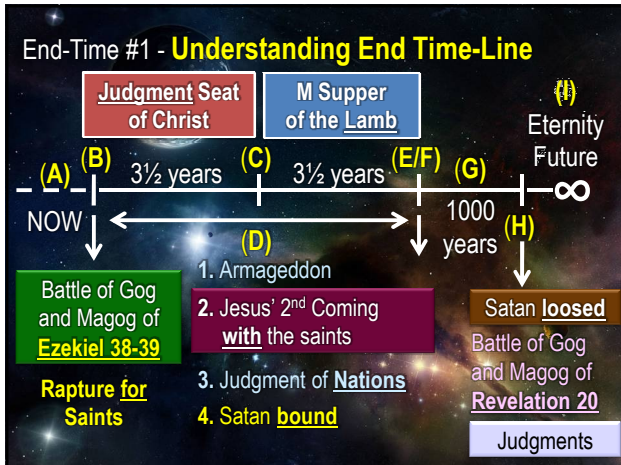


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 5. **Urgency to Share the Gospel - December Harvest Month**
 6. **Grow to be a Wise people vs Deception / Foolishness**
 7. **Be Holy**



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World Wars (WW)

WW1 - 1914 to 1918
Germany and Hungary ++ vs GB, US, Russia ++
League of Nations

World Wars (WW)

WW2 - 1939 to 1945
Germany, Japan ++ vs GB, US, Russia ++
United Nations

WW3 - Battle of Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38 & 39

World Wars (WW)

WW4 - likely key nations: Greece, Turkey, Syria, Egypt**

Revelation 6:3-4 - 3When He opened the **second seal**, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."
4Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to **take peace from the earth**, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a **great sword**.

World Wars (WW)

WW5 - at Mid-Tribulation

WW6 - Daniel 11:44 - likely scenario of Russia (North) and China (East) attacking the Anti-Christ (likely enlarged Syria).
Moving the armies to the field of **Megiddo**.

WW7 - Battle of Gog and Magog of Revelation 20.



End-Time #3 - **The 70 Weeks of God's Dealings with ISRAEL – Daniel 9:24-27**

70 Weeks

From rebuilding of Jerusalem to 2nd Coming of Christ

4 Decrees - Nehemiah 2 [J city] - Ezra 1, 6, 7 [temple]

7 Weeks (49 years) + **62 Weeks** (434 years) + **Time Gap = Church Age** (Hosea 6:2) + **1 Week** (70th Week)

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1. Resurrection of the Dead and Judgments are **Elementary** Teachings

Hebrews 6:1-2 - 1Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of **resurrection of the dead**, and of **eternal judgment**.

2. The Gospel is **Hope** for all - For those listening to this message on audio CDs or from BBTC website:
 - A. If you are **left behind during first 3½ years**, humble yourself and cry out to the Lord Jesus for mercy to save you, repent of your sinful ways and acknowledge Him as your God. You will be raptured during the middle of the 7 years.

2. The Gospel is **Hope** for all - For those listening to this message on audio CDs or from BBTC website:
 - B. If you are **left behind during last 3½ years**, humble yourself and cry out to the Lord Jesus for **mercy to go through the tribulation**. You may just survive and continue to live in the Millennial Kingdom. When you die during the 1000 years, you will be resurrected only after the 1000 years are over.

3. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 - Don't be **Troubled**

1Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **2not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled**, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

4. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 - Be **Encouraged**

16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17**Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18**Therefore **comfort (encourage) one another with these words.**

5. The Bottom Line - Be **Holy****Hebrews 12:14**

Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness, without which no one will see the Lord**

1 Peter 1:16

because it is written, "**Be holy, for I am holy**".

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End-Time Warnings and Exhortation**The Bottom Line - Be Holy**

Definition:

**Be set apart, be sanctified,
be differentiated**

How?

**End-Time Warnings and Exhortation**

1. Guard yourself from **false** prophets and **false** teachers.

Matthew 24:4-5

1 Timothy 4:1-3

- **Weigh the prophecy that you hear**

1. Guard yourself from **false** prophets and **false** teachers.

➤ **Guard against faulty teachings [to extreme]**

i.e. true in and of itself but incomplete.

Acts 20:26-27

26Therefore I testify to you this day that I am **innocent of the blood** of all men. **27** For I have not shunned to declare to you the **whole counsel of God.**

2. Guard yourself from **falling away** from the Lord.

1 Timothy 4:1
The Spirit clearly says that **in later times** some will **abandon the faith [Apostasy]** and follow **deceiving spirits** and things taught by **demons**.

Hebrews 6:4-6 Hebrews 10:26-31 2 Peter 2:20-22 Jude
Refer message "How We Live Matters - Part 1"

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End-Times are as in the:

- Days of Noah - eating, drinking, marrying ..
- Days of Lot - perversion, Lot's wife ..
- Days of Judges - Everyone did whatever is right in his own eyes

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- Relativism - no absolute truth, multi-faith movement.
- Isaiah 5:20 - Calling evil good and good evil.

3. To be holy means I must be **faithful** and wise.

Why?

- (i) **Luke 18:8b**
Nevertheless, **when the Son of Man comes**, will He really find **faith** on the earth?"
- (ii) **Hebrews 11:6**

Matthew 24:45-47

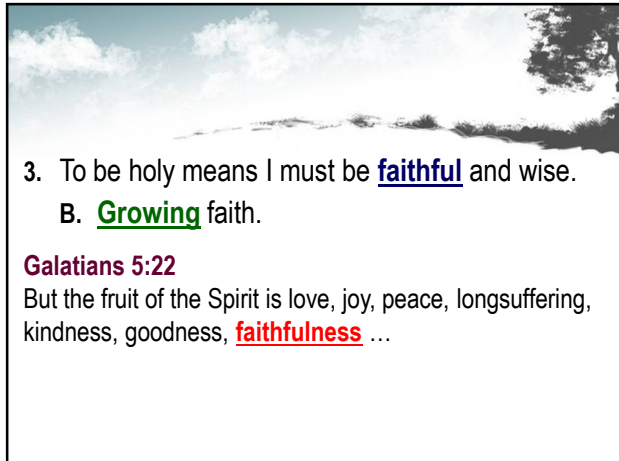
45"Who then is a **faithful and wise servant**, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **46Blessed** is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

47Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him **ruler** over all his goods (rewards).

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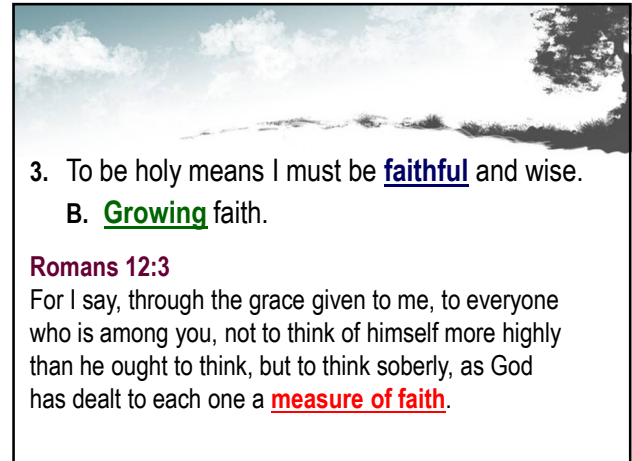
A. **Keeping** faith - contend for your faith.

Jude 1:3
Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints.



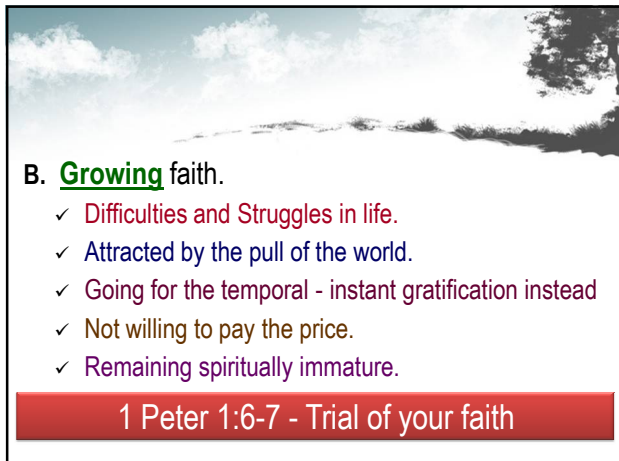
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 B. **Growing** faith.

Galatians 5:22
 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness** ...



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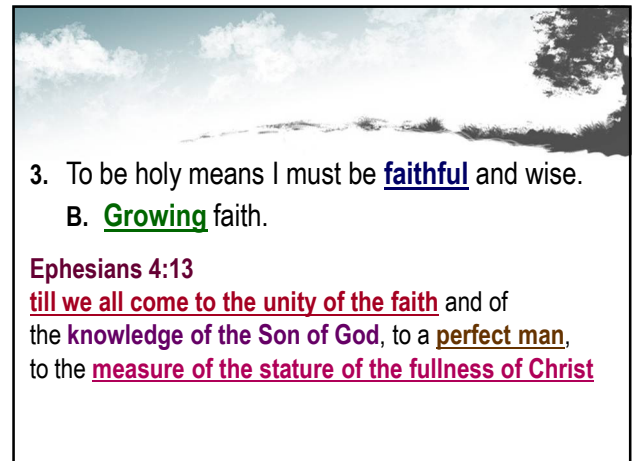
Romans 12:3
 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a **measure of faith**.



B. **Growing** faith.

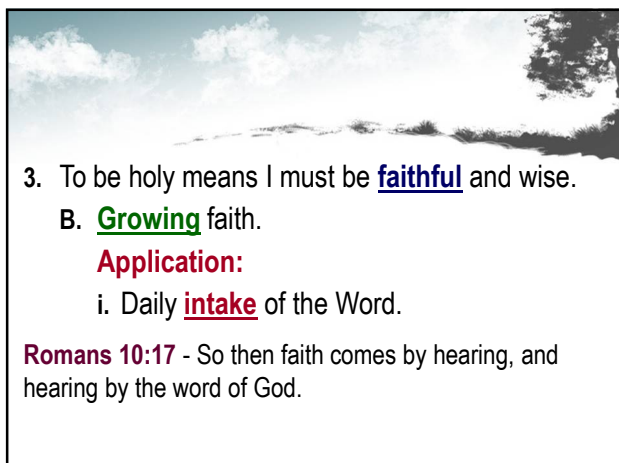
- ✓ Difficulties and Struggles in life.
- ✓ Attracted by the pull of the world.
- ✓ Going for the temporal - instant gratification instead
- ✓ Not willing to pay the price.
- ✓ Remaining spiritually immature.

1 Peter 1:6-7 - Trial of your faith



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Ephesians 4:13
till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to a **perfect man**, to the **measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**

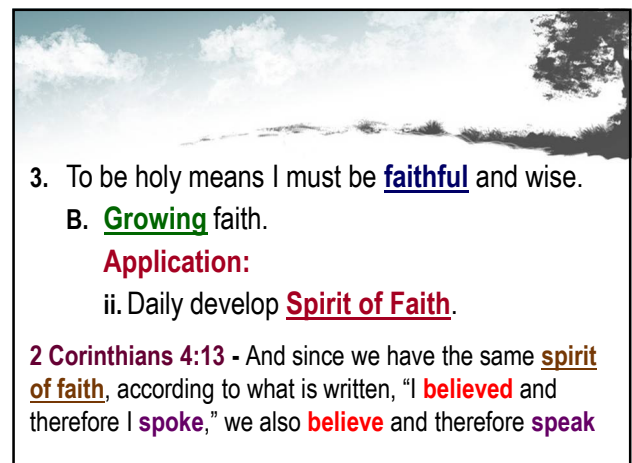


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Application:

- i. Daily **intake** of the Word.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



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Application:

- ii. Daily develop **Spirit of Faith**.

2 Corinthians 4:13 - And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "I **believed** and therefore I **spoke**," we also **believe** and therefore **speak**

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Application:

ii. Daily develop **Spirit of Faith**.

Daily believe and speak the Word

1 Corinthians 12:3	Proverbs 4:7	Psalm 27:1
2 Corinthians 9:10, 8	Matthew 6:33	1 John 4:4

4. To be holy means I must be **filled** with the Holy Spirit of Wisdom. **Why?**

Ephesians 5:15-18 (NIV)

15 Be very careful, then, how you **live**—not as unwise but as **wise**, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit**.

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Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the **Wise** and **Foolish** Virgins

Wise and Foolish Virgins

A. **Maturing believers** are those who struggle and struggle in this life but will make **progress**.

B. **Immature believers** will also struggle and struggle but **remain** immature, foolish and **worse off**.

Wise and Foolish Virgins

C. The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of **wisdom** (Proverbs 9:10)

D. **Disobedience and Rebellion** are the beginning of **foolishness** (Romans 1)

Wise and Foolish Virgins

E. **Godliness** is to factor **God** in all our thinking and feeling, plans and ideas, responses and decisions in our living.

F. **Ungodliness** is mere **disregard** for God, His Word, the fellowship and counsel of His people.

Overcomer-Believers:

- A. Apply and Do the Word vs Head knowledge only.
- B. Experience the Reality of God.
- C. Spiritually Alert.
- D. Grateful.

Overcomer-Believers:

- E. True worshippers.
- F. Wise.
- G. Deal with Baggages in life.
- H. Not easily shaken.

5. To be holy means I must be fruitful for God.

John 15:5

5I am the vine, you are the branches.

He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;
for without Me you can do nothing.

Matthew 7:15-23 - know a tree by its fruit

Why?

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1 Corinthians 3:14-15

14If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.


Why?

1 Peter 4:7-11

7The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 8Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides ...


Colossians 1:9-11


9... be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11strengthened with all might,...



5. To be holy means I must be **fruitful** for God.


- A. Clarify your **purpose** in life in all your roles and responsibilities.
- B. Set SMART **goals** for each area of your life.
- C. **Plan** and schedule - daily, weekly, monthly ..
- D. **Work** on them.

How? 




CONCLUSION - The Bottom Line - Be Holy

Daniel 12:10
 Many shall be **purified, made white,** and **refined**, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the **wise shall understand**.



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1 John 3:2-3
 ... but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
3And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure.



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Daniel and John - Beloved and Holy
They received Revelation re End-times

Will you commit yourself to be Holy?

Will you pay the price to be Holy?