

I. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

A. Preparation for His Coming

1 How do we prepare for His Coming

Pray without ceasing

Col 4.2; I Cor 7.5; Eph 6.18; Ps 27.14; I Thess 5.17

Read the word – thy word hid in my heart

II Ti 2.15; 3.14-17

Walk with Jesus

Mt 10.14ff; 16.24-27

2. What does the Word say about preparation

Eph 6.10ff

B. Be established

1 How do we get established?

In attending The Church – Mt 18.20; Heb 11.25

Hearing the word – Ro 10.14-17

2 Yes, we learn from the elders of the church

3 But, we are ultimately responsible

so be in the word

pray

walk

*shâma'* שׁמַע – Dt 6.4-9 – a way of life

Mt 9 and 10 – a way of life

As Jesus was walking

As Jesus was talking

As Jesus was eating

As you go, proclaim the gospel

II Ti 2.15

Ro 8

C. Hold fast to that which thou hast

1 Hold fast to what???

2 How do we hold fast?

Jn 15.1-11

3 Young Timothy was told to guard the Treasure

Today we are careful not to offend anyone

and are selling out

Others proclaim their gods and their religion

why are we not holding fast to that which we have?

How do we hold fast ?

We cannot hold fast to something we do not have

We cannot hold fast to the Christian life if we do not have

Jesus in our hearts as our LORD and Savior

4 Why are we not witnessing for Jesus Christ?

Mt 28.19-20

Has the flame gone out?

Has our love for Jesus gone to the world?

5 Do we believe that Jesus is coming again?

Jn 11.17-27

6 Do we *really* believe?

II. Even so, Come Quickly, Lord Jesus

A. Ten Virgins

5 professed Jesus

5 possessed Jesus – lived in, abided in Jesus and He in them

These five walked with Him each moment and were ready

B. Preparation for His Coming

C. Love relationship

Jn 13.35; Mk 12.28ff

Song of Solomon 5.9-16

D. Excitement and Anticipation of His coming, of being with the Lamb of God

Rev 7.9-15

E. Compel others to come

Mt 22.9 (KJV)

F. Watching and Waiting KJV – Mt 25.1-13

Ten Virgins – five were really watching and waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom.

Five were playing the game, and the door shut on them forever.

I fear we are like Mt 22.29, the Sadducees

We know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

II Timothy 3 and John 5

There are those who “have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof and from such turn away.”

There are those who “are ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

There are those who “search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings.”

We need to get real with Jesus Christ. Mt 7.21-23.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Beloved, know that we are called to take up our cross and follow Jesus – joyfully. Encourage one another as you work together this day. Each one is struggling in his or her own way on their walk with Jesus. Pray one for another.

Amen.