

Revved Up - Session 4

We are still looking at the warnings and blessings associated with the church at Philadelphia. Once again we take a look at God's promise to do something He never promised for any other age of Christians.

Revelation 3:10

“Because you have kept My command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come over the whole world to test those who live on the earth.”

The key to being a part of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church is to endure. And not just to endure, but to endure in strict accordance with what the Word of God has said. It has to do with the keeping of commands, in the Word of God.

Revelation 3:10 *“Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 “1 About the times and the seasons: Brothers, you do not need anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, “Peace and security,” then sudden destruction comes on them, like labor pains come on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in the dark, for this day to overtake you like a thief. 5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. 6 So then, we must not sleep, like the rest, but we must stay awake and be serious. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, we must be serious and put the armor of faith and love on our chests, and put on a helmet of the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.”

What begins the Tribulation Period will be a surprise event the world knows nothing about, but the church knows the season. Pronouns are important in Bible translation because they convey nuances of the original language.

Who is “they”, and “those”?

Who is “we”, “us”, and “you”?

There will be many at the time of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church who have knowledge, but not a saving faith. What God says distinguishes those who are raptured as the church at Philadelphia, is a love of what is commanded and a constant perseverance in coming back to it. What typifies those who are left behind, is an incredible lack of interest in God's Word and God's Prophecies.

Doesn't Thess. 4:8 sound verrry familiar?

Ephesians 6:13–17 *“13 This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. 14 Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, 15 and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. 16 In every situation take the shield of faith, and with it you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God’s word.”*

Three things come with salvation, Three things come with growth.

With – three pieces of armor that come with being born again.

- 1) *Belt of truth* – John 1:17 *“for the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*
- 2) *Righteousness* – 1 Corinthians 1:30 *“But it is from Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became God-given wisdom for us—our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,”*
- 3) *Readiness* - Romans 10:14–15 *“14 But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: **How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!**”*

Take – three pieces of armor that are taken

- 4) *Shield of faith*- Romans 10:17 *“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.”*
- 5) *Helmet of Salvation* - 1 Corinthians 1:18 *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God’s power to us who are being saved.”*
- 6) *Sword of the Spirit* - Revelation 19:15 *“A sharp sword came from His mouth, so that He might strike the nations with it. He will shepherd them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty.”*

What is endurance/perseverance? (because you have kept my Word about patient endurance)

2 Peter 1:3–11 *“3 His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 4 By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, 6 knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, 7 godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do*

these things you will never stumble. 11 For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you."

Revelation 3:11 "I am coming quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown."

There are five crowns available to believers during the church age.

- 1) The Crown of Righteousness – Those who long for and look forward to the coming Kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 4:8 *"There is reserved for me in the future the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His _____."*

- 2) The Crown of Life – For those who have been faithful through trials, persecution, even death.

James 1:12 *"A man who endures trials is blessed, because when he passes the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."*

Revelation 2:10 *"Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will have affliction for 10 days. Be _____ until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (To the church at Ephesus.)*

- 3) The Crown Imperishable (Uncorruptible) – For those discipline themselves and endure.

1 Corinthians 9:24–25 *"24 Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize. 25 Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. However, they do it to receive a crown that will fade away, but we a crown that will _____ fade away."*

- 4) The Crown of Glory – Those who shepherd the flock of the Lord.

1 Peter 5:2–4 *"2 Shepherd God's flock among you, not _____ out of compulsion but freely, according to God's will; not for the money but eagerly; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."*

90% of Pastors leave the ministry within ten years. They leave because the church wants the Pastor to do what the church is scripturally called to do, and the Pastor is scripturally called to do the Pastor's job. If the church will not allow that, the majority of the called will collapse within ten years and will never inherit the Crown of Glory.

- 5) The Crown of Rejoicing – The Soul-Winners Crown.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 *“For who is our hope or joy or crown of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not _____?”*

Philippians 4:1 *“So then, my brothers, you are dearly loved and longed for—my joy and crown. In this manner stand firm in the Lord, dear friends.”*

Luke 15:7 *“I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over _____ sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people who don’t need repentance.”*

Mankind is wrapping himself around God’s plans un-knowingly, un-swervingly, and inevitably, as the Global Elite of the New World Order set up every condition necessary for the Book of Revelation to be fulfilled to the letter.

Ephesians 3:16–21 *“16 I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in the _____ man through His Spirit, 17 and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God’s love, 19 and to know the Messiah’s love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*