

The **LAST** Enemy

“The **last enemy that will be destroyed is death**. For ‘He has put all things under His feet.’”
(I Corinthians 15:26–28)



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Your journey of choices during this evil age, is full of pitfalls, distractions, and attacks. **Ask your Father in heaven for wisdom** because your choices that take you onto a path in this life will determine whether you live or die.

“Listen, my son: accept my words, and you’ll live a long, long time. I have directed you in the **way of wisdom**, and I have led you along straight paths. When you walk, your step will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to instruction, do not let it go! **GUARD WISDOM, BECAUSE SHE IS YOUR LIFE!**” (Proverbs 4:10-13)

IT BEGINS with **God working in you**, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to do what pleases him (Philippians 2:13).

YOUR RESPONSE: Accept Christ as your savior, repent and be baptized and work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

“Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always **obeyed**, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, **CONTINUE TO WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING**” (Philippians 2:12).

The person who is **truly converted** is **motivated, guided, inspired, led by, yielded to and empowered by** the energy flowing from God through Christ.

SO:

STUDY THE WORD OF GOD: “**Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15).

“**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman** who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15).

“I will **study your commandments and reflect on your ways**. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word” (Psalm 119:15-16).

“I will take **delight in your commands**, which I love. I will lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes” (Psalm 119:47-48).

“To all perfection I see a limit, but your **commands are boundless**. Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies” (Psalm 119:96-98).

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Joshua 1:8).

- **THE WORD OF GOD KEEPS YOU ON THE PATH TOWARDS OUR CREATOR:** “Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens” (Psalm 119:89).

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17).

“It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it” (Isaiah 55:11).

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

- **TEST THE SPIRITS:** “Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for **they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true**” (Acts 17:11).

“Dear friends, **do not believe every spirit**, but **test the spirits** to determine if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

- **TEACH OTHERS:** “What you have heard from me through many witnesses **entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well**” (II Timothy 2:2).

“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence” (1 Peter 3:15).

PUT ON THE NEW MAN: “Do not lie to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices, and have put on the new self, which is being **renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator**” (Colossians 3:9-10).

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, **the new is here!**” (II Corinthians 5:17)

“**Put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:24).

“**No one who is born of God practices sin**, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (I John 3:9).

“To sum up, all of you **be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kind-hearted, and humble in spirit**” (I Peter 3:8).

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a **heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other**, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. **Beyond all these things put on love**, which is the **perfect bond of unity**. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful” (Colossians 3:12-15).

“**Make every effort to live in peace** with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

“If possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace with everyone**” (Romans 12:18).

STAY STEADY: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:58).

“**Be of sober spirit, be on the alert**. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world” (1 Peter 5:8-9).

“**Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ**, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27).

ARM YOURSELF: “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, **that you may be able to withstand in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand firm. **Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the **readiness given by the gospel of peace**. In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, **praying at all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, **keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints**” (Ephesians 6:10-18).

“You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for **GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE**. Therefore, **humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because **He cares for you**” (1 Peter 5:5-7).

TRUTH ♦ RIGHTEOUSNESS ♦ READY ♦ FAITH ♦ SALVATION ♦ GOD’S SPIRIT ♦ PRAYER ♦ HUMILITY

RUN THE RACE TO THE END: “Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? **So, run to win!**” (I Corinthians 9:24)

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the race**, I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but to all who crave His appearing” (II Timothy 4:6-8).

“But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

LOVE: “Love is patient and kind; love **does not envy or boast**; it is **not arrogant or rude**. It **does not insist on its own way**; it is **not irritable or resentful**; it **does not rejoice at wrongdoing**, but **rejoices with the truth**. **Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things**. Love never ends” (I Corinthians 13:4-8).

“So now **faith, hope, and love** abide, these three; but **the greatest of these is love**” (I Corinthians 13:13).

DISCOVER THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT OF ALL: “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, **‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND**. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets’” (Matthew 22:36-40).

“But blessed is the **one who trusts in the Lord**, whose **confidence is in him**. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. **It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green**. It has no worries in a year of drought and **never fails to bear fruit**” (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

MAKE YOUR ELECTION SURE: “Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall**” (II Peter 1:10).

THE RESURRECTION: “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; **he who believes in Me will live even if he dies**, and **everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die**. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25-26)

“But those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are **sons of God, being sons of the resurrection**” (Luke 20:35-36).

THE RESURRECTED WILL SHINE LIKE CHRIST: “Those who have insight **will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven**, and **those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever**” (Daniel 12:3).

“For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the **likeness of His resurrection**” (Romans 6:5).

“Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also **bear the image of the heavenly**” (I Corinthians 15:49).

“As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; **I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake**” (Psalm 17:15).

“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him**, because **we will see Him just as He is**” (I John 3:2).

“Our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, **that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body**, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself” (Philippians 3:20, 21).

“...who will transform the body of **our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory**, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself” (Philippians 3:21).

THE ORDER OF THE RESURRECTION: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**” (I Thessalonians 4:16).

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; **we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed**, in a moment, in

the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and **we will be changed**. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15:51-53).

JESUS CHRIST WILL JUDGE: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords, he will judge mankind and through the power of God, he will change the bodies of the righteous into a glorious shining body like his. He will cast the wicked into the lake of fire, where they will be destroyed. The wicked refused to repent, instead, they chose death over life.

"For **not even the Father judges anyone**, but **He has given all judgment to the Son**" (John 5:22).

"And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that **this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead**" (Acts 10:42).

"On the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men **through Christ Jesus**" (Romans 2:16).

"**When the thousand years are over...** Then I saw a **great white throne** and **him who was seated on it**. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books**. The **sea gave up the dead which were in it**; and **death and hell delivered up the dead** which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works... If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire**" (Revelation 20:7-15).

"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and **He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left**" (Matthew 25:31-33).

THE BIRTH INTO ETERNAL LIFE BRINGS AN END TO DEATH: "For he [Christ] must reign until he has put **all his enemies under his feet**. **The last enemy that will be abolished is death**" (I Corinthians 15:26).

"**He [Christ] will swallow up death for all time**, and the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken" (Isaiah 25:8).

"But now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who **abolished death and brought life** and immortality to light through the gospel" (II Timothy 1:10).

“Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? **O Death, where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is your sting?** Compassion will be hidden from My sight” (Hosea 13:14).

“**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire This is the second death, the lake of fire**” (Revelation 20:14).

NEVER FORGET! Only through Christ can you be saved. There is no other savior despite the crafty enticement of 21st century movies that tell stories of gifted people, hybrids, and ancient gods who save the world through their supernatural strength and abilities.

NEVER FORGET! The righteousness of man was made possible from the **generous gift of grace from God**. Finally, all of mankind will be judged where only the righteous will live eternally. With sin come to an end—death will have no victory.

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law”
(Corinthians 15:55).

God, our Father in heaven is drawing all of His creation to Him. Repentant mankind will acknowledge the God of Israel as their Creator, the supreme God. When this finally happens, there won't be any division, confusion, or warfare because everything will be in unity with our Creator. This will be the time when everything is under the feet of Christ. Then finally, the last piece to this puzzle is for Christ, himself to be subject to God Almighty. At that time, all of creation will become subject to God—our Creator; all of creation will be at one with God, its Creator—then, **GOD WILL BE ALL IN ALL** (I Corinthians 15:28).

Then, God will create a new heaven and new earth and He will live on earth with eternal mankind. The two realms: heaven and earth will be ruled by a monarchy: Christ as King from the realm of heaven and the saints as Queen from the realm of earth. God Almighty will reign supreme.

Will you be standing by Christ's side when God rolls out the blueprints of His next project?
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