

**Making Ourselves Ready for
the Lord's Coming by
Growing in Life unto Maturity**

Monday 7/17

Rev. 14:4

See Lord's Day

James 5:7-9

7 Therefore be long-suffering, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer eagerly awaits the precious fruit of the earth, exercising long-suffering over it until it receives the early and late rain.

8 You also be long-suffering; establish your hearts because the coming of the Lord has drawn near.

9 Do not complain, brothers, against one another lest you be judged. Behold, the Judge stands before the doors.

Rev. 14:14-16

14 And I saw, and behold, there was a white cloud, and on the cloud One like the Son of Man sitting, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, Send forth Your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come because the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And He who sat on the cloud thrust His sickle upon the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Matt. 13:3, 8

3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow.

8 But others fell on the good earth and yielded fruit, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.

Further Reading: *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2, Day 1*

Tuesday 7/18

Heb. 6:1

1 Therefore leaving the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be brought on to maturity, not

laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,

Matt. 5:48

48 You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

John 3:6, 15-16

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

15 That every one who believes into Him may have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

Col. 2:19 (in the positive)

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

Rom. 12:2

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

2 Cor. 3:18

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Further Reading: *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2, Day 2*

Wednesday 7/19

Heb. 12:10-11, 5-7

10 For they disciplined for a few days as it seemed good to them; but He, for what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness.

11 Now no discipline at the present time seems to be a matter of joy, but of grief; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it.

5 And you have completely forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when reproved by Him;

6 For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives."

7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons. For what son is there whom the father does not discipline?

2 Cor. 1:9-10

9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

10 Who has delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver us; in whom we have hoped that He will also yet deliver us,

Gen. 47:7, 10

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went forth from Pharaoh's presence.

Further Reading: *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2, Day 3*

Thursday 7/20

Gal. 4:19

19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

2 Cor. 3:18

See Tuesday

Rom. 8:15, 29

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery bringing you into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father!

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Col. 2:19 (in the positive)

See Tuesday

Heb. 5:13-14

13 For everyone who partakes of milk is inexperienced in the word of righteousness, for

he is an infant;

14 But solid food is for the full-grown, who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil.

Col. 3:4

4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Further Reading: *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2, Day 4*

Friday 7/21

Phil. 3:12-15

12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

Eph. 4:13-15

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

14 That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

1 Cor. 3:7, 9

7 So then neither is he who plants anything nor he who waters, but God who causes the growth.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

Further Reading: *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2, Day 5*

Saturday 7/22

Col. 1:28-29

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

Col. 3:10-11

10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

Heb. 6:1

See Tuesday

Eph. 3:19

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

Rom. 5:17

17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Matt. 5:48

See Tuesday

Further Reading: *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2, Day 6*

Lord's Day 7/23

Rev. 3:15, 17-21

15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

17 Because you say, I am wealthy and have become rich and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

19 As many as I love I rebuke and discipline; be zealous therefore and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

Rev. 14:1, 3-4

1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

3 And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been purchased from the earth.

4 These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

Hymns, #750

Further Reading:

Life-study of Genesis, msg. 92

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans

Level 1—Romans Sequential Study

Scripture: *Rom. 12:9-21*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans, msgs. 27-28*

Level 2—Romans Topical Study

Crucial Point: *The Law of the Spirit of life Having Freed Us from the Law of Sin and of Death*

Scripture: *Rom. 7:1-8:15*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans, msgs. 14-16, 38, 67*

Supplemental Reading: *Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, chs. 13-14*

Hymn: 736

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