

The Last Words of Jesus



Revelation 22:12-21 KJV

[12] And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. [13] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. [14] Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. [15] For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. [16] I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. [17] And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. [18] For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: [19] And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. [20] He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. [21] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Lessons from the last words of Jesus:

1. The Motivation to Endure

1. A reminder he is coming (3 times)

2. The Entitlements of Salvation

1. The right to partake of the Tree of Life
2. Allowed entrance into Heaven
3. Jesus comes again for us

3. The Invitation

1. The invitation is simple; Come to Jesus
2. A call to him who is thirsty
3. Salvation is free. There is often confusion among those who don't fully understand salvation. They will always justify themselves by works, declaring "good people" or "charitable."

4. The Prohibition (tampering with the word)

1. A warning to those who would attempt to alter God's Word.
2. Do not add to the scripture.
3. Do not take away from the scripture.

Steps to live out the last words of Jesus:

1. Accept Jesus Christ as lord and savior of our life.
2. Live life prepared to meet Jesus at anytime, and quickly.
3. As Heaven separates the sinner from the righteous, we should also separate ourselves from unrighteousness.
4. Blessed (happy) are those who are obedient.
5. The knowledge of the truth of Jesus Christ will reside in this world and will be available to all who choose to accept it, therefore, it is our responsibility as believers to share the gospel which offers salvation and life everlasting, to all who are willing to hear and believe.
6. We should study the Word of God frequently and diligently so that we know that we know, and cannot be easily deceived.
7. We are to be careful with the gift of the Word, not to change, alter, lessen the meaning of, curtail the sense, or explain away the spirit and design of any part of it. The word of God IS God and contains the power to save mankind for all eternity. We should treat our handling of it with the same reverence we show towards God and fear exploiting it for any purpose with the same fear we have of God.
8. The grace of Jesus Christ is with you always as an inspiration and influence to overcome adversity and struggles.