# Prepare the Coming of the Messiah! - Seven Steps

# 1<sup>st</sup> step: Being Saved and total Surrender

- Repentance of sins
  - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)
- Believing in Jesus as your Savior who died for your sins
  - ▶ That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)
- Denying yourself and Being Crucified
  - ▶ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)
  - ▶ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: Repentance Life

- Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. (Acts 3:19)
- Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. (Luke 3:8 NIV)
- performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. (Acts 26:20 ESV)
- Repentance or Returning
  - ► This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. (Isaiah 30:15 NIV)
  - ► For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved (Isaiah 30:15 NKJV)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Prayer and Fasting

- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)
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- Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)
- Pray 3 hours a day according to Dr Yonggui Cho.
- Pray as much as possible.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> step: Prayer and Fasting (2)

- ▶ 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:19-21)
- "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." (Joel 2:12)
- ▶ 2-3 times a week, 2-3 days a month
- 3 days fasting before the day of Atonement Sep 19, 2018
- ▶ Fasting is not only for food and drinks.

# 4th Step: Thanksgiving and Worship

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- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with <u>thanksgiving</u>, let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)
- Enter into His gates with <u>thanksgiving</u>, And into His courts with <u>praise</u>.
  Be thankful to Him, and <u>bless His name</u>. (Psalm 100:4)
- <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the <u>true worshipers</u> will <u>worship the Father in spirit and truth</u>; for the Father is seeking such to <u>worship</u> Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who <u>worship Him</u> must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-24)

# 5<sup>th</sup> Step: Keeping First Love

- And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8)
- And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5 NLT)
- Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. (Rev 2:4-5)
- So, because you are <u>lukewarm</u>—neither hot nor cold—I am about to <u>spit you out of my mouth</u>. (Rev 3:16)

# 6<sup>th</sup> Step: Filling Holy Spirit

- "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
- 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
- ▶ 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (Matthew 25:1-13)
- Oil: Holy Spirit and keeping first love

## 7<sup>th</sup> Step: Perfecting Holiness

- Spreading Gospel
  - But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
- Keeping God's Command
  - b locause you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. local Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. (Rev 3:10-11)
  - ▶ 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-19 NIV)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Step: Perfecting Holiness Being Perfectness

- Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your <u>Father in heaven</u> is perfect. (Matthew 5:48), Love your enemies, repentance life style
- <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your <u>faith produces patience</u>. <sup>4</sup> But let <u>patience have its perfect work</u>, that <u>you may be perfect and complete</u>, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4)
- ▶ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)
- Love your Lord with all your heart
- Sacrifice Law: Jesus Himself sacrificed for us.
- Moral Law: We have to keep it.
- 10 Commandments
- Keep Sabbath Holy: Lord's day Holy or Everyday holy (Romans 14:5), let no one
  judge you food, feasts, Sabbath (Col 2:16), Spend time a day a week at least
- Tithing: 10% of your income is God's.

#### The Day of the Lord

**5** Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup>But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

#### Final Instructions

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

<sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

# Final Instruction 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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#### Summary

- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> seal events: the Day of the Lord is coming soon.
- ▶ Tsunami is coming.
- Physically prepared.
- Spiritually be ready.
- ▶ Total Surrender to Jesus
- Daily Repentance
- Prayer and Fasting
- Thanksgiving and worship
- Love and holy Spirit