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March 25

Living in This World but Not of It

Read Colossians 4:14, 15 and 2 Timothy 4:10, 11. How is Luke distinguished from Demas and why?

Colossians 4:14, 15 14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in [f]his house.

2 Timothy 4:10, 11 10 for Demas has forsaken me, **having loved this present world**, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

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The apostle John tells us, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15). Luke’s love for Jesus and His kingdom led him to stand by Paul to the end, come what may, whereas Demas loved this world more than the world to come.

And the world passeth away

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Read the following passages. What counsel is given for those awaiting the Second Advent?

Mark 13:32–37 32 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

34 *It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—

36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**”

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Watch: to be awake, to be watchful, attentive, vigilant

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22x: to be awake, to watch, [Mat 26:38](#); [Mat 26:40-41](#); [Mrk 14:34](#); [Mrk 14:37-38](#); to be alive, [1Th 5:10](#); met. to be watchful, attentive, vigilant, circumspect, [Mat 25:13](#); [Mrk 13:35](#), et al.

Watch therefore (*grēgōreite oun*). A late present imperative from the second perfect *egrēgora* from *egeirō*. **Keep awake**, be on the watch “therefore” because of the uncertainty of the time of the second coming. Jesus gives a half dozen parables to enforce the point of this exhortation (the Porter, the Master of the House, the Faithful Servant and the Evil Servants, the Ten Virgins, the Talents, the Sheep and the Goats). Matthew does not give the Parable of the Porter (*Mrk 13:35-37*).

David struggled

Psa 73:12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

Psa 73:13 Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocence.

Psa 73:14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

Psa 73:15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

Psa 73:16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

Psa 73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

strangers and pilgrims

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

no continuing city,

Heb 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

teaching us that, denying ungodliness

Titus 2:11–14 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

what manner of persons ought you to be

2 Peter 3:10–14 **11** Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

And do not be conformed to this world

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire

Revelation 3:17–21 **17** Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

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

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

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Jesus and the apostles frequently warn us to “watch,” be vigilant, and be ready always for the Master’s coming so as not to be taken by surprise. Unfortunately, as did the disciples who failed to heed Jesus’ command to “watch and pray” (*Mark 14:38, NKJV*), many will not make the necessary preparations. It all comes down to who or what has our hearts, because we cannot serve two masters.

In the message to Laodicea, Jesus gives us a clear prescription. First, repent of our sins. Second, we are to open our hearts to Jesus and let Him be in control, which then (third) enables us to obtain the “gold” of faith and love tested by trial and victorious over temptation.

What specifics might Jesus be asking you to repent of in your life? What part of His prescription are you in need of most?