Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

JESUS OR THE ANTICHRIST?

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PART 5: CONSEQUENCES OF TAKING THE MARK

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What is the consequence of taking the Mark? The only place in the Bible where the answer can be found is in the Book of Revelation. It sends a chilling message that there is no remedy for anyone who receives the Mark of the Beast and it is the only action that can make a believer in Christ lose their salvation. Since we are getting closer and closer to the coming of the Antichrist, Christians must preach and teach this horrible truth revealed by Jesus. **Revelation 14:9-11**

Jesus didn't sugarcoat it because He wanted us to mentally and physically prepare for this awful time on the earth. **verses 12-13**

When Jesus walked on the earth, He gave a solid teaching about not fearing the enemy, but trusting in God and refusing to compromise. **Matthew 10:24-33**

Anyone that takes the Mark of the Beast and dies will first be taken to hell and horrible torment but that is nothing compared to the eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 20:10-15**

HOW TO PREPARE TO RESIST THE MARK

There is no way to prepare for this confrontation in the flesh; it can only be done through the Holy Spirit.

- 1. The first step is to surrender all things to God and trust Him completely in all things. **Matthew 6:24-34**
- 2. The second step is to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:4-8
- 3. The third step is to flow in the Holy Spirit. Acts 6:8-15

When the time comes to be executed, the Holy Spirit will take over and all we have to do is lean back on the arms of Jesus without fear and wait for the blessed moment when we will be released from our body. **Acts 7:54-60**

In waiting for the Tribulation period to begin, we should work for Jesus with all our might while there is still daylight. **John 9:4**

The Mark will be tempting for Christians because of the security it provides with a place to live, food to eat, access to medical attention and no separation from loved ones. Taking the Mark will bring peace for a short time but the price will be eternity in the Lake of Fire.

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

The apostle Paul spoke of a judgment after death for each believer in Christ that is not about salvation but about position and rewards in the next life. **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

The Roman Catholic Church has taken this doctrinal teaching and invented "purgatory," which has no support in the Bible.

There will be pain and loss at this judgment seat for the believers in Christ who have willfully sinned or refused to repent of sins that the Holy Spirit convicted them over. **verse 11**; **Hebrews 10**:26-31

Every believer in Christ will be exposed to a fire from God that will try their work done on the earth and result in rewards and losses. **1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

A person is saved by grace with no work involved but God will hold each believer in Christ responsible for their deeds after they have been saved. Our sins are blotted out when we repent but God will hold us accountable if we refuse to forgive others and repent of our sins after salvation.

ARE YOU READY TO FACE THE END TIMES?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?