GOD'S WONDERFUL PLAN FOR THE FAMILY

Text: Col. 3:18-21
Intro: These verses are almost like the ones in Ephesians 5:22-6:4. The same principles involving the wife, husband, and children are set forth here and in Ephesians. God has a wonderful plan for the family. His plan never fails. We may fail to apply the plan, but the plan never fails. God in His wisdom gives the man, woman, and children basic and vital truth to live by. People need to return to the plan of God for the family. That is the only hope that even saved families have.

I. THE MATES IN THE FAMILY
   A. The mates
      1. God said that it wasn’t good for man to be alone. In Genesis 2:18, He created woman to be the help meet or suitable for man.
      2. God’s divine plan is for a man and woman to marry and raise a family together.
      3. There have always been men and women who have chosen to do otherwise, but not within God’s will. God doesn’t make people that way. The perversion comes from experience and desires.
   B. The matching
      1. There was a time and in some parts of the world even now, when marriages were prearranged by the parents.
      2. In our society people marry because they love one another. Love is not a feeling! Your don’t fall in and out of love!
      3. The very best definition of it is you make a commitment to a mate or partner in life for life.
      4. It sometimes is wonderful to see couples. You wonder how they ever got together or why. But love is the key.
   C. The making

1. Marriage is an investment in a full time and life time partnership.
2. There are few if any marriages that start and finish without a lot of trials and errors and tears and heartache.
3. It takes a lot of hard work to make a marriage work and for a man and woman to feel the marriage is a success.

D. The multiplying
   1. Adam and Eve were to multiply the world. They were to have children.
   2. It is amazing to see the love a couple has that is expressed in children begotten and brought up.
   3. It is wonderful to see the eyes and faces of new mothers and fathers and their parents as children are brought into a family.

II. THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY
   A. The man is the head.
      1. Most men want to become husbands and fathers. This is only natural.
      2. The Lord has ordained the man as the head of the home. He is to be the leader in the family.
      3. Eve was deceived, not Adam. Eve or woman was made out of man to help him.
   B. The mate is the helper.
      1. No age is placed on the man or the woman who marry. In our day some men want younger women and some women want younger men.
      2. The wife is a rare jewel for the man. A wife who is all that the Word of God teaches her to be is a rare find for man.

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3. The woman adds warmth, sharing, strength, grace, advice, and so much more to the family.

C. The members are health.
1. Someone has said that no home is complete without children in it. It takes children to make a home complete.
2. It is amazing to see mothers and fathers made over in their children.
3. The race continues on because couples bear children as their parents did. Children are the fruit of love and should be.

III. THE MOLDING OF THE FAMILY

A. The provider is to love.
1. The Lord teaches the man to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her.
2. It will take a lot of love for a man and woman to stay together for a life time.
3. The husband must do much more than love, but the vital characteristic is LOVE.

B. The partner is to reverence.
1. The woman is to be submissive to her husband as the church is to be to the Lord.
2. She is to reverence her husband. She will be treated as a queen if she will make him king of his house.
3. Many modern day women may be missing so much in married life because they demand their own way first.

C. The pupils are to honor and obey.
1. Children are pupils for they must learn from their parents.
2. Parents teach their children so much about life. They must be taught.
3. The children are instructed of the Lord to honor and obey their parents.
4. Parents must live and demand respect. I am a dad not a dude!!

IV. THE MINISTERING IN THE FAMILY

A. The needs of the family members
1. Each member of the family needs something that other members can give and minister with.
2. The needs are mental, emotional, spiritual, and experiences shared.
3. Family members can give support, love, challenge, and morale to the other members in the family.

B. The nurturing of the family members
1. Each member should realize that they can help one another and do so.
2. Each member will stand in need and each member can meet the needs of the others.
3. It is wonderful to see families loving and caring for each other. Parents take care of the children and the children take care of the parents.

C. The notion in family life
1. We sometimes feel that we can handle everything by ourselves.
2. We soon learn that we need the Lord and we need to depend upon Him for guidance and strength.
3. When family members are depending upon the Lord and His Word, they can have a happy family life.

D. The neglect in family life
1. Sometimes we are pulled in different directions.
2. We don't start out with that in mind, but it ends that way.
3. We must guard our lives and make sure we pull together.

V. THE MASTER IN THE FAMILY

A. The truth
1. The Lord has a plan for family living. That plan is based upon the truth.
2. The Word of God is truth. John 17:17 The truth makes one free. John 8:32

B. The trust
1. We must accept the plan of the Lord and apply it to our lives.
2. We must trust Him and His Word. We must accept the Word and put it into practice.

C. The trouble
1. Many people will say the Lord and His Word are right, but the truth will not work for them.
2. Our trouble is believing the Lord's Word and living according to it.

D. The touching
1. The Lord works on the man and the woman in the home.
2. The Lord works on the children and the parents.

Dear Bro. Swilling:
Thank you so much for the books and the papers. I am just thrilled the Lord led me to your ministry. As I related to you on the phone, I get lots of sermon material, but none touches my spirit as does yours. I deeply appreciate you and thank you for putting me on your mailing list to receive the paper.

Again, God bless you. I am already using some of the material in my Sunday School class and my pulpit ministry. You cover a lot of territory...and I need that.

From a brother in Florida

Dear Grace Church:
Greetings in His dear name. Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate the many publications of Sounding Out the Word Ministries. They have been a real blessings to this missionary. We are now in our 34th year and God...
continues to bless.
Thanks for the many books and sermon notes both in
Spanish and in English. They have been a great help.
I know some of you have worked long and hard hours in
this ministry, but God will bless as only He can. We love
and appreciate you. From Leon C. Hawkins Sr.

IF I WERE THE DEVIL

Text: I Peter 5:8
Intro:
A. The great work of Satan is to keep people from
being saved.
B. If I were Satan and wanted to prevent the
salvation of people:
   1. I would do what he is doing.
   2. Satan has been busy for 6,000 years (or more)
      and will be busy until the end.
I. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD DECEIVE
   PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM THINK THEY ARE
   GOOD ENOUGH.
   A. He does just that. Eph. 6:11 (The wiles
      (crafty ways) of the Devil.)
   B. Satan is full of all kinds of tricks.
   C. Satan is transformed into an angel of light.
      II Cor. 11:14
II. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD MAKE SIN
   ATTRACTIVE.
   A. He does just that. II Cor. 4:4 (The god of
      this world hath blinded their minds.)
   B. In the garden of Eden Satan made sin to
      appear so attractive that Eve yielded.
   C. Today he is doing the same thing. Too many
      are blinded to..."Things."
III. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD HINDER GOD’S
   WORD.
   A. God’s Word is powerful.
   B. It sinks into the heart of one and brings him
to Christ.
   C. No wonder the Devil wants to keep the
      Word out of use in the home, schools, and
      pulpits.
   D. We can see how Satan hinders the Word.
      Matt. 13:4-7:
      1. Some fell by the wayside. V4
      2. Some fell on stony ground. V5
      3. Some fell among thorns. V7
IV. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD TRY TO
   DESTROY THE POWER OF THE CHURCH.
   A. Satan knows the best ways to destroy the
effectiveness of a church.
   B. “Ye are neither hot or cold.” Revelation 3:16.
      God said this but the Devil did it.
V. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD MAKE THE
   CHURCH MEMBERS STUMBLE.
   A. Then he causes the unsaved person to
   ridicule and say, “If that is Christianity I
   want nothing of it.”
VI. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD TRY TO GIVE
   THE WORLD ANOTHER GOSPEL.
   A. Today Satan is preaching another gospel.
   B. The false gospel is a bloodless man made
      gospel. RSV version, Readers Digest
      condensed Bible, the Jesus book (Hippie
      version) etc. Gal. 1:8.
VII. IF I WERE SATAN, I WOULD GET MEN TO
   A. The account of three men who gave
      excuses.
      1. One bought a farm. V18
      2. One bought five yokes of oxen. V19
      3. One married a wife. (probably unsaved). V20
   B. Things are unimportant.
   C. God’s Word and commands are important.

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Text: I Timothy 3:15 (H)
Introduction:
A. CONSTANT
   AWARENESS in the
growth process is
most beneficial and
productive.
   1. Focusing on one’s
      own need for
      improvement
      spiritually,
      eliminates a lot of
      other things which
      are detrimental to
      the church’s
      overall function.
   2. Focusing on your past accomplishments stifles
      your own growth process and sours those who
      are around you.
B. COMMITTED ATTITUDES for improvement is
   the need of the hour.

I. HAPPY! Psalms 144:15
   A. Happiness is a product of correct FAMILY
      relationship. This deals with sonship.
   B. Happiness is a product of correct
      FELLOWSHIP.
   C. Happiness is a product of correct FOCUS.
      (Lordship)
      1. So many people today get their lives so
         messed up because they have violated Biblical
         principles and refused to yield to His Lordship.
         The result is that they are filled with
         unhappiness.
II. HELPERS! II John 8
A. They do this by giving a HELPING HAND.
B. They do this by comforting a HURTING HEART.

III. HOPEFUL! Phil. 4:13
A. Their ATTITUDE
   1. They are people of faith.
      a. Important aspect - to discern the true meaning of faith.
      b. Illustrate - Caleb.
   2. They are people who are filled with optimism.
   3. They are people who are positive.
B. Their ACTIVITY
   1. They forge forward through and with faith.
   2. They proceed with determination.
   3. Those who are always saying it can’t be done are constantly being interrupted by people doing it.

IV. HUMBLE!
A. The COMPREHENSION
   1. James 4:6,10
   2. I Peter 5:6
   3. Matthew 18:4
B. The CAUTION - This concept is diametrically opposite to what the worldly philosophies are promoting.
C. The CHARACTERS for illustration
   1. Moses
   2. Joshua
   3. David
   4. Nebuchadnezzar
   5. Peter

V. HUNGRY! Matthew 5:6
A. A desire for FOOD - the Word of God.
B. A desire for FRUIT - they really want to do what’s right.

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THE CHRISTIAN AND DESIRE
Text: Romans 10:1
Introduction: Let’s notice several important ideas as we continue our study of christian character.
A. Character is defined as moral strength; self-discipline, fortitude.
B. "Not education, but character is man’s greatest need and man’s greatest safeguard" - Spencer.
C. Every act of life adds a stone to the building of character.
D. The subject of personal desire must be addressed before we advance further in our study.

I. THE REALITY OF DESIRE

A. Desire - "to wish or long for; crave; covet."
B. Desire is something all humans have.
   1. Galatians 5:16, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust (desire) of the flesh."
   2. Ephesians 2:3, "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."
C. Desire is something even Jesus & God have.
   1. Luke 22:15, "And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."
   2. II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing (desiring) that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

II. THE REACH OF DESIRE
A. Desire reaches back to the rebellion of Satan. Isaiah 14:13,14 "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."
B. Desire reaches back to the original sin of mankind. Genesis 3:6 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."
C. Desire reaches down into the very depth of our souls. Isaiah 26:8,9 "Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

III. THE REBELLION OF DESIRE
A. The Bible teaches that desires often rebel against one another.
   1. Jesus - Matthew 26:39 'And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."
   2. Paul - Philippians 1:23,24 "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you,"
B. Personal experience proves that desires often rebel against one another:
   1. The desire to lose weight against the desire to eat.
   2. The desire to spend against the desire to save.
   3. The desire to put God first against the desire to put self first.

IV. THE REGULATION OF DESIRE
   A. Do you control your desires or do your desires control you?
   B. The world says it's not reasonable to expect people to regulate their desires.
      1. That is why many want condoms passed out in our schools.
      2. That is why many want abortion on demand.
   C. God tells us to control our desires.
      1. I Timothy 6:9-12
      2. Titus 2:11-15

Conclusion: Christian character begins with holy desire. We will become exactly what we desire to become. If we desire to be saved from our sin, we all need do is believe in Jesus Christ.

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NEVER A MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS

I. A DIFFERENT MESSAGE.
   A. A different demand-Matthew 4:17.
   B. A different purpose-John 10:16.
   C. A different delivery-Mark 1:27.

II. A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE-Matthew 7:28,39.
   A. Toward individuals-Matthew 20:30-34.
   B. Toward the multitude-Matthew 15:32.
   C. Toward Israel-Matthew 9:36.

III. A DIFFERENT AUDIENCE.
   A. Publicans and sinners-Matthew 9:10-12.
   D. An adulterous woman-John 8:10,11.

IV. A DIFFERENT RESULT.
   A. Brought conviction-John 8:7-9.
   C. Brought changes-Mark 5:15.

V. A DIFFERENT OFFERER.
   A. A powerful offer-John 6:63.
   C. A personal offer-Revelation 22:17.

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WHEN THE LORD TOUCHES YOUR HEART
Text: I Samuel 10:26; I Cor. 3:8; Acts 16:14

Introduction:

A. No man can come to God except by Jesus.
   John 14:6
B. No one can come to Jesus unless God draws him. John 6:44
C. All who are drawn by the Father and come to Jesus in faith are saved and safe forever. John 6:37
D. God does light, touch, and draw all mankind to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
   1. Acts 10:34
   2. Titus 2:11
   3. John 1:9

I. THE PERSON WHO TOUCHES HEARTS.
A. The sinner's Friend

II. THE POWER THAT TOUCHES PEOPLE.
A. The Word of God-Hebs. 4:12.
B. The witness of the saved-John 1:40,41.
C. The work of the Spirit in the saved-Matt. 5:16.

III. THE PURPOSE IN GOD TOUCHING HEARTS.
A. To bring souls to a knowledge of salvation in Jesus.
1. The Lord wants all to be saved—II Tim. 2:3,4.
2. To seek to prevent the perishing of souls—II Peter 3:9.
4. To purge from hindering sins—Isaiah 6:6,7.
5. To spark a messenger in the interest of others—Jeremiah 1:9.
6. To give understanding of the will of God—Daniel 9:21,22.
7. To cleanse and make whole—Matthew 8:3.
8. To give sight to blinded eyes—Matt. 9:29,30.

IV. NOTE BRIEFLY WHOM THE LORD TOUCHES.
A. Prophets (Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel).
B. Peter's mother-in-law: Matt. 8:15 (sick).
C. Lepers.
D. Blind beggars.
E. Dead man.

V. THE RESULTS OF HIS TOUCH
A. Elijah was strengthened for the journey.
B. Isaiah was purged and cleansed of sin.
C. Jeremiah was fired to speak the word.
D. Daniel was given understanding.
E. The leper was cleansed.
F. Blind men received sight.

VI. IN WHAT MANNER DOES THE LORD TOUCH ONE?
A. With grace—Titus 2:11.
B. In mercy—I Tim. 1:13.
C. With compassion—Mark 6:34.
D. In love to souls—Romans 5:8.

Conclusion and appeal:
A. If the Lord hasn't, doesn't, touch you—
   2. Heed Romans 10:13! It has worked for millions! It worked for me! It will work for you! It is your only hope! Add Isaiah 55:6,7.
B. If the Lord does touch you today—
   1. Today is the day—II Cor. 6:2.
   2. Harden not your heart—Hebs. 3:15.

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SOME LESSONS A SLOW LEARNER HAS LEARNED IN 40 YEARS OF SCHOOLING

You will notice I have written my message. As one grows older he may have trouble remembering things, but I have learned not to let it bother me. I just forget it.

One of Dr. C.N. Glover's favorite jokes comes to mind. An elderly gentleman complained to his doctor, "I just can't remember anything any more." The doctor studied the situation for a moment. Thoughtfully he asked, "How long have you had this problem?" The patient looked perplexed. "What problem." A friend older than I quoted the following to me the other day.

My bifocals fit.
My dentures are fine.
Hearing aid works.
But I sure miss my mind.

As long as I have some mind, I desire to preach and teach the Word of God! It has been my life for forty years.

Now let us turn to the Scriptures and read Matthew 11:28-30. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Over 40 years ago I yoked up with my Saviour in the preaching of the Word of God. All these years I have been going to school to the Master Teacher. Jesus said, "Learn of me." Although I have been a slow learner, I have learned some lessons which I would like to pass on to you.

I. I WOULD WORK LESS AND LET GOD WORK MORE THROUGH ME.

Some of my ministry is fitly described by Uncle Mose as 'A heavin' and a sotten in the energies of the flesh.' I have often tried to do the work only God can do and have found it exhausting and ineffective.

Also, I would try not to be "put out" (impatient) with God when He did not work on my schedule. A pastor was pacing the floor of his study. "What is wrong?" asked a visiting friend. "I am in a hurry," the pastor replied, "And God is taking His time." So many times I have gotten in a hurry and God has always taken His time.

II. I WOULD STUDY THE BIBLE MORE.

I have studied the Bible much but I have not studied it enough. For many years I was too hard pressed preaching and teaching the Word of God to properly study it. "Inconsistent," you say. Yes, but it is true.

III. I WOULD GIVE MORE RECOGNITION TO THE PRESENCE, POWER, AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I have learned that it is through the Holy Spirit that a child of God bears the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and direct one assures him of the abundant life Jesus spoke of: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have life more abundantly." Therefore, if I had my ministry to go over again I would take more seriously the divine imperative found in Ephesians 5:18: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." You can be sure such an attitude would not take me away from the Holy Spirit's book, the Holy Bible.
IV. I WOULD SEEK TO PUT MORE VARIETY IN MY PREACHING.

I would give more time to expository preaching which is a verse-by-verse explanation of the Scriptures, but always finding my way back to Christ in the conclusion of the sermon. I would not do expository preaching at the expense of Jesus Christ. After all, Jesus is the center of all the Scriptures.

I would search harder for plain, powerful illustrations. They are like windows to let in spiritual light. They were used frequently by the Master Teacher.

V. I WOULD PRAY MORE.

I would seek more quiet time alone with God seeking understanding of His Word, His way, and His will. Here is where we get strength for today and hope for tomorrow. Here is where victories are won. Here is where right decisions are made. Often if one makes a serious decision while he is discouraged, it will be the wrong decision. Wait, if possible, until you have peace of mind before making decisions that will really matter.

VI. I WOULD TRY HARDER TO PUT PRINCIPLES OF TRUTH BEFORE PERSONALITIES, AND FAITHFULNESS TO THE WORD OF GOD BEFORE FRIENDSHIP.

However, I would love my brethren when I sincerely believed them wrong, and not be cantankerous even if we continued our disagreement.

VII. I WOULD TAKE BETTER CARE OF MY BODY.

I would try to get enough rest, eat nourishing food in proper amounts, and take enough exercise to keep physically fit. Some preachers are strong on eating and weak on exercising. They may become "archbishops" before they are qualified to become bishops.

In addition to proper rest, food, and exercise, every pastor needs time away from his duties as a minister. If he doesn't get this time apart from the load he may fall apart or fly apart. I do not mean you need time away from the Lord, but you must take some time for relaxation. Whatever your preference -- camping, hunting, travel, golfing, wood working, fishing -- find some means to relax.

Both you and your people (and your family) will benefit if you take reasonable time to care for your body and your mind as well as your spirit.

VIII. I WOULD SPEND MORE TIME WITH MY FAMILY.

I would pay more attention to my wife and children and work harder to establish strong family ties. There have been days and weeks when I was so busy helping others I neglected my own family. This is a mistake I'd try not to repeat. While I do not count myself a failure as a father I have fallen far short of God's standard.

From the Song of Solomon come accusing words: "They have made me keeper of the vineyard; but my own vineyard have I not kept."

Smile, if you wish, but if Frieda and I could take the journey again I'd tell her more often, "I love you." I loved her when we were in college together, when we were married and through the years my love for her has grown, but so many times I have not told her of my love.

IX. I WOULD GIVE SOUL WINNING THE TOP PRIORITY IN THE WORK OF MY MINISTRY.

By thus recognizing God's FIRST in the Christian ministry I would place myself in harmony with my Saviour who said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

X. BY THE ENABLING GRACE OF GOD, I WOULD SEEK TO PLACE CHRIST FIRST IN MY LIFE.

The philosophy of the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ" would be my daily goal. With some degree of shame and pain I must confess this has not always been true in my ministry. It is not God's fault. The blame belongs to me. As I grow older in the Lord's work I want Christ to be more evident in my life.

An unknown poet has expressed better than I the relationship I want to have with Christ.

CHRIST ALONE

The world I thought belonged to me--
God, gold, people, land and sea--
Where'er I walked beneath God's sky
In the old days my word was "I".

Years passed; there flashed my pathway near
The fragment of a vision dear;
My former word no more sufficed
And what I said was "I and Christ."

But, O! the more I looked on Him
His glory grew, while mine grew dim.
I shrank so small, He towered so high.
All I dared say was "Christ and I."

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GRACE FOR EVERY NEED
Text: II Corinthians 12:1-9
Introduction: We try to explain the terminology God uses. It is easier to explain the fires of hell, than God's amazing grace. It is easier to explain the length of eternity. It is easier to explain creation - heaven. It is easier to explain the power of God, miracles of God, forgiveness of God, election, foreordained. But of grace we simply say it is:
A. Unmerited favor
   1. Something we don't deserve.
B. Utterly faithful
   1. We are not what we should be always, but God's grace always is.
   2. You say you don't know the depth of my sin and we say you don't know the depth of God's grace.
C. Unending forgiveness
   1. The sad thing
D. Unfortunately forgotten

I. GRACE TO WASH YOUR SINS: Isaiah 1:18- when humans touch it, it is never grace.
A. Only God can wash as white as snow.
   1. His grace will cleanse you - charge you - cause you - and comfort you.

II. GRACE TO WEATHER THE STORMS: II Corinthians 12:1-9 grave, hospital
A. Helps us in sadness - sorrow - sickness - troubles - trials - and tribulations.

III. GRACE TO WEEP FOR SINNERS: Psalms 126:5,6-when we understand the cross we know grace.
A. Causes us to:
   1. Weep for his condition.
   2. Weep for his conviction.
   3. Weep for his commitment.

IV. GRACE TO WAIT FOR THE SECOND COMING
I Thessalonians 1:9,10
A. In a world that is coming apart, we are waiting for:
   1. Shout of the Saviour
   2. Singing of the angels
   3. Sound of the trumpet

V. GRACE TO WELCOME THE SAVIOR
Revelation 22:20,21
A. A welcomed rapture
B. A welcomed reunion
C. A welcomed reality
D. A welcomed rest

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