

Wednesday Bible Study – July 9, 2014
"THIEF Means JUDGMENT" – (Revelation 3:3)

Read [Revelation 3:1-6](#).

Now look at verse 3:

Remember therefore how you have

μνημόνευε (1) οὖν πῶς

received and heard, and hold fast,

εἵληφας (2) καὶ ἤκουσας (3) καὶ τήρει (4)

and repent. If therefore you shall not

καὶ μετανόησον (5) ἔαν οὖν μὴ γρηγορήσης (6)

watch, I will come as a thief, and you

ἕξω (7) ὥς κλέπτης καὶ

shall not know what hour I will come

οὐ μὴ γνῶς (8) ποίαν ὥραν ἕξω

on you. ἐπὶ σέ

The Verbs of Verse 3:

1. (PAImp.2nd. p.s. of μνημονεύω)

2. (Pf.AI 2nd p.s. of λαμβάνω)

3. (AAI 2nd p.s. of ἀκούω)

4. (PAImp. 2nd p.s. of τηρέω)

5. (AAImp. 2nd p.s. of μετανοέω)

6. (AASubj 2nd p.s. of γρηγορέω)

7. (FAI 1st p.s. of ἕκω)

8. (AASubj 2nd p.s. of γινώσκω)

IF A PERSON CHOOSES TO REMAIN ON THE WRONG ROAD AND DOES NOT REPENT HE CAN EXPECT DISCIPLINE, TO REAP WHAT HE HIMSELF SOWES.

IF A PERSON CHOOSES TO REMAIN ON THE RIGHT ROAD HE CAN EXPECT GUIDANCE AND BLESSING, TO REAP WHAT GOD SOWES.

JESUS DOES NOT COME UPON A BRIDE AS A THIEF, AND HE DOES NOT COME UPON AN APOSTATE BELIEVER AS A BRIDE GROOM.

THUS "THIEF" IS NOT USED HERE AS A REFERENCE TO THE SECOND ADVENT OR RAPTURE, BUT IT REFERS TO JUDGMENT, WHICH CAN BE AVERTED BY A CHANGE OF MIND (μετανοέω), REPENTANCE.

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When we are born, we are born physically alive, but spiritually dead. Our Lord Jesus Christ was born physically alive, and spiritually *alive*. If Jesus had a human father, then the Bible is not true, and one cannot believe in inspiration, illumination and revelation without believing in the virgin birth. In [Isaiah 7:14](#) we see the fulfillment of [Matthew 1:18-23](#).

Jesus Christ was born with a human mother, but not with a human father. Being conceived of the Holy Spirit, He was born without a sinful nature.

Jesus was born of a woman, that He might be the *son of Man*, and He was born of God, that He might be the *Son of God*.

Note the timeline with emphasis on the Church Age.

VOLUNTARY SUBSTITUTIONARY SPIRITUAL DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. Our Lord was born trichotomous because of the virgin pregnancy.
2. The entire human race is born physically alive but spiritually dead ([Romans 5:12](#)).
3. This is the result of the imputation of Adam's original sin in the garden to the genetically formed old sin nature (OSN) at physical birth.
4. The old sin nature is passed down from the human father through copulation.
5. But the humanity of Christ is unique from other members of the human race.
6. He was the exception, since He did not receive the imputation of Adam's sin.
7. He did not receive the imputation of Adam's original sin in the garden because He did not have an OSN.
8. He did not have an OSN because he did not have a human father.
9. God the Holy Spirit is responsible for impregnating the Virgin Mary.
10. The physical body of our Lord was a result of the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit.
11. Therefore, in order for our Lord to suffer spiritual death, it would have to be substitutionary, since He did not suffer real spiritual death like other members of the human race.

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12. Our Lord died two unique deaths on the Cross:
 - a. Spiritual, or pneumatic
 - b. Physical, or somatic
13. Our Lord, in His perfect humanity, first died spiritually or pneumatically ([Matthew 27:44-45](#)), and then He died physically or somatically ([John 19:30](#)).
14. It was our Lord's substitutionary spiritual death in the last 3 hours on the Cross, which was the payment for our sins ([Matthew 27:45-46](#); [Mark 15:34](#)).
15. Our Lord was still alive when he said, "It is finished" (tetalestai, it – the work of salvation – is finished in the past with results that go on forever" – [John 19:30](#)).
16. His physical death was not the payment for our sins but rather His spiritual death when in His perfect humanity He was separated from His Father in the last 3 hours on the Cross when He was receiving the imputation of the sins of the whole world-past, present and future, and was being judged for them.
17. The humanity of Christ accomplished the following through His substitutionary spiritual death on the Cross:
 - a. The Defeat of Satan at the Cross ([John 12:31](#); [16:8-11](#); [Col. 2:15](#); [Hebrews 2:14](#))
 - b. God the Father's Salvation Plan for all mankind ([Romans 5:18-19](#); [6:10a, 8:3](#); [Hebrews 2:14-18](#); [II Corinthians 5:14-15, 18-19](#); [I Timothy 4:10](#); [Hebrews 2:9](#); [I Peter 2:24](#); [3:18](#); [John 3:17](#); [I Timothy 2:4-6](#); [II Peter 3:9](#)).
 - c. Fulfilled the Mosaic Law ([Romans 10:4](#); [Colossians 2:11-13](#)).
18. The humanity of Christ's spiritual death provided mankind with redemption which He purchased the entire human race out from the slave market of sin in which every human being born, was in, as a result of the imputation of Adam's sin ([I Timothy 2:6](#); [Mark 10: 45](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [Colossians 1:14](#); [I Peter 1:18-19](#); [Revelation 5:9](#)).
19. The humanity of Christ's spiritual death propitiated and satisfied the perfect justice of God ([Romans 3:22-26](#); [I John 2:2](#); [I John 4:10](#)).
20. The humanity of Christ's spiritual death reconciled the entire human race to God ([II Corinthians 5:18-21](#); [Ephesians 2:14-16](#); [Colossians 1:20-22](#); [I Peter 3:18](#)).
21. The humanity of Christ was judged by the Justice of God for every personal sin committed by the human race – past, present & future.

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22. Salvation was completed while our Lord was still living (John 19:30).

23. Spiritual death is the result of Adam's sin and we all sin because we are spiritually dead (not the case with Jesus Christ, the *exception*).

24. Our Lord in His perfect, sinless humanity died *twice* on the cross so that we could be born *twice* ([John 3:1-7](#)).

25. He died *spiritually* so that we could be born again spiritually.

Now look again at [Revelation 3:3](#).

"So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you."