

Take the Water of Life Freely

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[Revelation 20:12-17] "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Happy New Year to you! The new year of 2022 has opened to us. May your life be filled with God's blessings during this year. Know, however, that how your year will depend primarily on your choices. Verse 16 above tells us that the word of invitation to take part in the water of life freely comes from Lord Jesus through His angel, whom He sends to the churches, which are supposed to be drinking the water of life already. And verse 17 tells us that both the Holy Spirit and the Bride speak the same message. Now the Bride speaks of the New Testament church of Christ in the kingdom of heaven, now married to the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. So the church in heaven in the future time speaks to the churches on earth in the present time this word of invitation.

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We read in Genesis chapter 3 the account of the fall of Adam and Eve and how they lost the privilege of living in the garden of Eden with God because of their sin and of their daily portion of taking part in the fruits of the Tree of Life. God appointed His cherubims, who are angels, to keep the way to the Tree of Life to keep the humans from entering [Gen. 3:24]. We humans must have our sins removed through the blood of the Lamb before we are allowed to take part in the Tree of Life and the river of Living Water, which are now in Heaven so that we could live forever with God.

Verse 15 describes the world we are living in now; People immerse themselves in media programs full of violence, corruption, perversion, sexual immorality, and antagonism against God and His principles. People engage in pursuits to satisfy their fleshly desires and greed. People take for granted that the nation and the society they live in are being ruled by political groups that have been sold to Satan and are implementing the principles of communism and the plan to turn the world into a unified world government to be ruled by Satan. Believers are flocking to churches where greedy preachers speak gospels that are different from the truth of Jesus Christ. We are like fishes in a vessel whose water is gradually being heated yet not perceiving they are being killed eventually. People are drunk and asleep spiritually. We humans need to wake up to our reality of how far we have come from God. People described in verse 15 will be kept outside of the city of God, the New Jerusalem just as Adam and Eve were chased out of Eden. May you experience a spiritual transformation in your life and church so that godliness and holiness are restored in your souls and your congregations.

On most mornings before the sun rises we can see the bright star of Venus in the eastern sky for a few hours. Lord Jesus describes Himself as "the root and offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." God promised to King David that his seed will take the throne of the eternal kingdom. And the King of Kings is this Jesus who came to the earth as a descendant of David through both Mary and Joseph's lineage.

[2 Samuel 7:16] And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

This bright star Venus is the Morning Star, which shines every morning to remind us who Jesus Christ is, the never-changing truth of God, the everlasting life, and the only way of salvation. God has placed this star for all humans to see and be awakened to the truth that there is Jesus still speaking to us from Heaven.

I encourage you to rise early and watch the Morning Star of Venus that shines brightly in the eastern sky before the sun rises and meditate on Jesus Christ as the Truth of God who shines every day for the world to see. Venus also shines in the western sky after the sun sets for a few hours. Jesus is calling us to listen to the true word of His gospel. He calls all who are thirsty in their souls, thirsty for the truth that will bring true satiation to their souls. He calls all who are hungry for the fruits of the Tree of Life, hungry for the true food that will fill their hearts with true satisfaction of souls. Jesus sends out this precious invitation during 2022 as we are still living in God's time of grace to take part in the water of life and the fruits from the Tree of Life without price and money and glorify God for His mercy and grace extended to us today. May we all accept His kind invitation and enjoy the free gifts of God in gratitude and humility. Amen.