

# Certainty... in a world of doubt

## The Gospel of Luke

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community church

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### “Live Ready” Luke 12:35-59

Jesus spent much of His ministry teaching His disciples about their ultimate future new location—the kingdom to come and their eternal citizenship in it. Our hope in the hereafter has practical application in the here and now. The Lord’s promised return is the Christian’s “Blessed Hope” (Titus2:13). The point of the Bible’s teaching on the second coming of Christ is not how to find that great day, but how that great day will find us. That day is going to be so glorious that 1 John 3:1-3 says that for anyone to hope for it (not to get there, but just to want it) will transform their lives.

### What Hope Does Everlasting Life Hold For Us?

New City Catechism Question 52

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation. (Rev21:1-4)

### How to Live Ready?

1) Be found doing what He told you to do.

V35a, 43; Acts 1:6-8; Matt 28:18-20

- ✓ Radical loyalty to Christ vv49-53 (Genuine)
- ✓ Radical discernment vv54-56 (Growing)
- ✓ Radical generosity (Luke 12:21, 32-33) & service (v45, also v37). (Giving)
- ✓ Radical awareness of future joy (v37 feast) and justice (v46). (Going)

All for God’s Glory! (Luke 12:21, 31, 34)

2) Let eternal reality affect your life more than the temporal.

V35b, 37, 38; Rom 13:11; Eph 5:14

### Why Should We Live Ready?

- 1) If you’re not found living ready, you will be devastated. vv45-47 ; Luke 12:21; 1Cor3:10-15
- 2) If you’re found living ready, you will be celebrated. vv37, 43-44
- 3) To whom much is given much is required. V48; It’s our beliefs that determine our eternal destination (heaven or hell/John3:16-18). It’s our behavior that determines our eternal compensation (rewards/Matt16:27 or punishment/2Cor5:10).

If there is no judgment what hope is there for the world, but if there is a judgment what hope is there for us? In Jesus’ 1<sup>st</sup> coming he came to bear our judgment. In His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming He will bring judgment (vv49-50). A wise person will settle his bad case that will go against him before he is judged (vv57-59). How? By grace through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ (Eph2:8-10).

### Growing Notes

- 1) Our hope in the hereafter has practical application in the here and now (1Jn3:1-3). Explain. Why do you think a sign of spiritual health is to yearn for heaven and to be with Jesus (2Cor5:2; Philip1:21-23)?
- 2) Read Luke 12:35-59. What stands out to you? What Hope Does Everlasting Life Hold For Us (read Q&A from New City Catechism/Rev21:1-4)? What thoughts and feelings does this stir up in you? How is this the “Happily Ever After” everyone longs for?
- 3) In what two ways should we live ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of our Savior? What are the four radical things we should be doing for God’s glory if we are to live ready? What does it mean to let eternal reality affect your life more than the temporal?
- 4) Why should we live ready? What does it mean that it’s our beliefs that determine our eternal destination (heaven or hell/John3:16-18) and it’s our behavior that determines our eternal compensation (rewards/Matt16:27 or punishment/2Cor5:10)? A wise person will settle his bad case that will go against him before he is judged (vv57-59). How? What are your next steps to live ready? Pray.