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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Lessons from John – Lesson 4
Round after Round
(**John 8:1-6**)

PM Sermon

Ezekiel – Lesson 4

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Esther – R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

Praschnik

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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the Bible in classes & sermons.

The Oologah Informer

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“He’s in control”

No doubt during election time many become stressed about the future.
While we should pray for the best outcome for our country we should
also remember who is in control.
Only the creator of the universe is in control.

BE PREPARED

Kevin Rutherford

Those who study weather patterns and issue warnings about
approaching storms might tell you to be prepared. Know where you
will go during severe weather and have the appropriate supplies at
hand. Those who work with our national defense might tell you to have
a plan in mind, and be prepared for a terrorist attack. While it is
impossible to be prepared for everything this life may send our way, it is
very important we be prepared for the second coming of Christ.

The promise has been made concerning the return of Jesus
Christ (**Acts 1:11; John 14:1-6**). However, the Bible doesn’t tell us
when He will return. Repeatedly the Scriptures tell us that we cannot
know when Jesus is coming back (**Matthew 24:36, 42, 44; 25:13; 1
Thessalonians 5:2, 3; 2 Peter 3:10**). While we cannot know when Jesus
is going to return, we can know that He is coming. Therefore we need
to be prepared for this momentous occasion at all times.

Living in a state of constant preparation for the return of Jesus is
the point of the parable of the ten virgins (**Matthew 25:1-13**). The five
foolish virgins did not have enough oil in their lamps to wait for the
bridegroom. They had to leave in order to get more oil. While they
were gone the bridegroom came and they were shut out of the
wedding. The five wise virgins had enough oil and thus were ready
when the bridegroom came. Whether or not you are prepared for the
second coming determines whether or not you are showing yourself to
be wise or foolish.

The importance of being prepared for the return of our Lord is
made clear in the picture He gave us of the judgment day (**Matthew
25:31-46**). To those who are not prepared Jesus will say, “DEPART
FROM ME, YOU CURSED, INTO THE EVERLASTING FIRE
PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS (**Matthew
25:41**).” To those who are prepared, Jesus will say, “COME, YOU
BLESSED OF MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED
FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD (**Matthew
25:34**).” At the end of this discussion of the judgment Jesus says, the
wicked “. . . WILL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING
PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL
LIFE (**Matthew 25:46**).”

While it is of extreme importance that we be prepared for the second coming of Jesus Christ and the judgment day, it is also important that we be prepared for the day we die. Every man will die (**Ecclesiastes 9:5**). Once a person dies he will be given no opportunity to change his spiritual condition (**Luke 16:26**). One simply waits in Hades for the judgment after he has died (**Hebrews 9:27; Luke 15:19-31**). Because we cannot change our spiritual condition after we have died, we need to make sure we are saved before we die, In other words, we must be prepared.