

## **John Newlin Ministries, Inc.**

*- realizing the power of a life in Christ-*

### **ARE YOU LISTENING? ....REALLY LISTENING?**

In the still of the night? In the early morning? In the busyness of the day? While you're watching a football game or eating?

Watch! Be alert! That's what he said to us.

"What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37 NIV)

"...keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come (Matthew 24:42 NIV)." Jesus even compared his return to the surprise of a thief coming to a house. If the owner of the house had known at what time the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not let his house be broken into. So by parallel, we must be ready and watch for Jesus' return.

True, we don't know the specific hour or day. But we do know it is soon and imminent. In newsletters over the past several months we have talked about aspects of this return. In television programs and several CD's, we have looked at the many prophecies relating to his return that have now been fulfilled.

Jesus made the point that we should be aware his return is imminent. He pointed to the fig tree and how, when we observe its twigs getting tender and its leaves coming out, we know summer is near. Well, when we see all the prophesied events to happen just before he returns actually having happened, we know it is near, right at the door. Further, the generation that is alive when the prophecies are fulfilled will see that return (Matthew 24:32-34, Mark 13:28-30 NIV). Well, we have seen those prophecies fulfilled. People are alive today who were alive when the nation of Israel was reborn in 1948, when Jerusalem was taken over by the Jews again in 1967. And all the other prophecies fulfilled in the intervening years.

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Paul described what will happen very clearly: "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air... (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV)."

Paul gives the warning – "...let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self controlled (1 Thessalonians 5:6 NIV)." And Paul makes the encouraging statement – "God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:9 NIV)." We who believe are not supposed to suffer the great wrath that comes on the earth in the period called the tribulation. No, we are supposed to go with Jesus beforehand.

Jesus himself gives the great warning: “Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36 NIV).” .

So be alert! Watch! Keep your eyes on Jesus. Make sure you are in the right relationship with him.

Watch!

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## **DON'T FAIL TO GET THIS NEW TIMELY CD FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

### ***WHERE ARE THEY?***

#### **HELP WHEN FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUDDENLY VANISH**

Text from the inside label of this CD:

**We are living in amazing times – the times in which Jesus Christ comes to collect his Church, the times that see his victory over his opponents at Armageddon and his establishment of his Kingdom rule from Jerusalem. Those persons left behind when Jesus collects his Church face extraordinary hardships.**

**Is that you? Have friends or family members vanished?**

**This CD will give you a quick jumpstart in preparing for the difficult years ahead. Do not despair. There is still hope. In a few minutes in simple, direct language, the CD points the way.**

Get several of these CD's to pass on, or just to leave around for those people who are left behind. They may be requested using the enclosed form.

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### ***Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!***

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## **DARE TO BELIEVE! Begins Broadcasts In Atlanta And Northern Georgia!**

Beginning January 5 the ministry television program DARE TO BELIEVE! began daily broadcasts in the Atlanta metro area and northern Georgia (includes such areas as Athens, Marietta, Decatur, ). The program is being broadcast daily at 7 AM Monday - Friday through January 16 and then each Tuesday morning at 7 AM thereafter. This is a wonderful addition to the ministry network and we are so grateful to all that have made this possible. Most of all, we just praise God. All the TV station details in the various markets are listed on page four.

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## **Jesus Is Coming To Collect His CHURCH. What Is That CHURCH?**

Jesus only used the word “church” twice in the Bible. Twice. That word in the original Greek in which the New Testament is written is **ecclesia**.

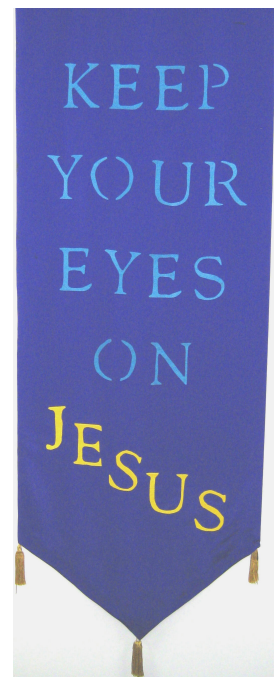
Ecclesia means called out, a group of people called out. Called out from the world, then. Really, and I love this definition, ecclesia means a group of people called out to a new society of which Jesus is the head. He is the head. He is the king of this new society.

The CHURCH of Jesus is not a particular denomination or building. It is not buildings at all. People today who truly believe in Jesus and who have him as their Lord are part of that CHURCH. That’s true if they live in the US or Russia or Africa or Saipan or wherever. It’s true if they are members of a particular denomination or if they aren’t, and if they go on Sunday mornings to a service at a particular church building or not. The key is that they know Jesus and are therefore part of the CHURCH, part of the Kingdom.

Jesus is coming to call out his CHURCH. That’s who he is coming to collect.

### **A FINAL WORD**

Always keep your eyes on Jesus, as the banner on our office wall says. Make sure you are in the right relationship with the Lord. Don’t be distracted by all the confusion of the world system which is spiraling into the ground daily. Yes, you need to pay attention to the news events. But remember, you are a member of the true eternal kingdom. You live by its rules and principles and laws. Your health and prosperity and eternity do not depend on Washington or the secular world, nor on




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Hollywood or the various newspapers and news networks. The real news of the day is being missed by many in those groups.

Just keep your eyes on Jesus. Spend some time in the Bible.

And never, ever forget John 14:6.

## **John**

Don't forget!

**JOIN US FOR THE TELEVISION BROADCAST of *DARE TO BELIEVE!***

**Atlanta/ northern Georgia, Monday thru Friday at 7AM January 5-16, then each Tuesday at 7AM**

- WPXA – Atlanta and surrounding areas – channel 14 over air
- Cable: Comcast 12, Charter 11,14, 22, Windstream 9
- Also, Direct TV

**New England at 7 AM Tuesdays:**

- WBPX-TV – Boston and surrounding areas – channel 68 over air
- WPXG-TV – lower half of New Hampshire – channel 21 over air
- WDPX-TV – Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, lower Mass. – channel 58 over air
- Cable: Comcast 15, 9, 11,12, or 17; Charter 20, 17, or 24; Metrocast – 21; Time Warner 14 or 18; RCN 12.
- Also, Direct TV

**Virginia Beach/Norfolk/Newport News, VA/Northeast NC at 7:30 AM Wednesdays**

- WPXV-TV – channel 49 (digital 46)
- Cable: Cox 49; Charter 14, 64, 20, or 14; Mediacom 17; Time Warner 16.

**Wilmington/Southeastern North Carolina at 6:30 AM Tuesdays**

- WSFX-TV 26
- Cable: Time Warner 9; Charter 9

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