

BIBLE ENDINGS

(Part 4)

Introduction

- 1) **Matthew 28:20** – “And lo, I am with you always, even to the *end* of the age”
- 2) “All good things come to an end” and not so good things, too
- 3) The Bible records the various endings of people, places, things, events, etc.
 - a) Important lessons will be learned as we continue to study various **Bible endings**

I) **CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW (Rom. 10:4)**

- A) The Mosaic covenant became old when a new was promised (Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:13)
- B) Law of Moses brought sinners to Christ to be justified by faith (Gal. 3:23-24)
 - 1) Once that happened, old covenant of Moses taken away (v. 25; Heb. 10:9)
- C) Blood of Jesus dedicated the new covenant (Heb. 9:15-17)
- D) Jesus is the end (goal, completion, fulfillment) of the Law of Moses (Matt. 5:17-18)

II) **CHRISTIANS MEET THEIR END (Acts 7:54-60)**

- A) Jesus warned His disciples that they would suffer and some be killed (Matt. 10:16-23, 28)
 - 1) Stephen (Acts 7:54-60)
 - 2) Early Christians (Acts 8:3; 9:1; 26:10; Rev. 2:13; 6:9; 17:6; 20:4)
 - 3) James the apostle (Acts 12:2)
- B) All faithful Christians who die (in whatever way) are promised the crown of eternal life (Jas. 1:12)
 - 1) We certainly do not want to meet an eternal end in a “second death” (Rev. 21:8)

III) **WHEN THE END IS WORSE THAN THE BEGINNING (2 Pet. 2:20-22)**

- A) Being overcome in sin again is a spiritual dead end; there is no other way to be saved but through Christ (Heb. 10:26)
- B) To end well we must both begin well and live well – we dare not depart from the true and living way (Heb. 3:6, 12-14 “to the end”)

IV) **WHEN TIME WILL BE NO MORE (2 Pet. 3:10-13)**

- A) We live in the last days (Heb. 1:2) which will end on the last day (Jn. 6:40)
 - 1) Then there will be no more counting of minutes, hours, days, months, or years

V) **WHEN THERE WILL BE NO END (Rev. 22:1-5)**

- A) The faithful will be raised to eternal, unending life (Jn. 3:16; 11:25-26; Rom. 6:23)
- B) All will be raised in the last day (Jn. 5:28-29) and all will go into an everlasting destiny (Matt. 25:46; 1 Thess. 4:17; 2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 4:9; 20:10; 22:5 “forever and ever”)

Conclusion

These “endings” help remind us that we live under the new covenant of Christ in these last days. There is a final last day coming when time will be no more. Our end will be well in Jesus, but worse if we are not careful to walk in the light of God’s word. Let us remember to end well by living faithfully with God, so that our forever and ever will be with God in His service.