



“Doing Business Until Christ Comes”

Vision Sunday

January 4, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

Prayer

Vision 2026 - Living the Christian life in light of the coming tribulation.

Doing _____ until Christ comes into His kingdom.

"11 While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately. 12 So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and [then] return. 13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Do business [with this] until I come [back.]'" [Luk 19:11-13 NASB95]

1) The unbeliever is _____ at Christ's return.

"14 "But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' ... 27 "But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.'" [Luk 19:14, 27 NASB95]

2) The unbelievers are judged by _____.

"20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent. ... 23 "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. 24 "Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in [the] day of judgment, than for you.'" [Mat 11:20, 23-24 NASB95]

3) The disciples are each _____ for their investments.

"16 "The first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' 17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.' 18 "The second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.' 19 "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'" [Luk 19:16-19 NASB95]

4) The worthless slave is judged _____ his reward.

"20 "Another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.' 22 "He said to him, '**By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave.** Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? 23 'Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?'" [Luk 19:20-23 NASB95]

5) Christ message for the churches is to hold fast to your _____.

"11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.'" [Rev 3:11]

6) Live life here for the glory of the future _____.

"26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;" [Rev 2:26 NASB95]

7) Equipping the saints to press on for the upward _____ of God.

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained [it] or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold

of [it] yet; but one thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." [Phl 3:10-14 NASB95]

8) Expect increasing _____ from God's enemies.

"9 I, John, **your brother and fellow partaker** in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance [which are] in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." [Rev 1:9 NASB95]

9) Suffer the tribulation of your cross without _____.

"14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;" [Phl 2:14 NASB95]

10) Shine as _____ in the world and hold fast the word of life.

"15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **appear as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life**, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain." [Phl 2:15-16 NASB95]

Conclusion

1. Pray for those who are in authority that we may live peaceful lives.

"1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties [and] prayers, petitions [and] thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." [1Ti 2:1-2 NASB95]

3. Live separately but do not withdraw from political and cultural engagement.

"15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." [1Jo 2:15 NASB95]

4. Shining as a light means you speak the truth about God's will.

"19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness** rather than the light because **their works were evil.**" [Jhn 3:19 ESV]

