

## The Wednesday Word, January 17, 2018: 'Until' (Part 2)

Do you remember those dreaded words your Mother would say when you were a child? "Wait until your Father gets home!" It was a long, anxious, uneasy wait, wasn't it?

We, likewise, are waiting, waiting for Jesus to come back. But, for us, there is no dread or fear. Jesus is coming back ... to unite His family with Himself ... forever! We don't know just WHEN He will return but we know that He WILL.

Concerning the return of Jesus, Acts 3:21 gives us another precious UNTIL. It reads, 'Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.'

This 'until' will herald the consummation of Salvation to His people but at the same time will announce the destruction of Christ-rejecters.

The destruction of Christ-rejecters?

Yes! But don't get mad at me, I didn't write it! Speaking of this last day's 'until', Acts 3:23 declares; 'And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.'

Oh but the redeemed of the Lord have no need to fret and worry about this. Those whom the Savior has rescued can never be lost again. Concerning people who believe that we can be saved and lost, Spurgeon said, and I paraphrase, 'those who hold this view need to go up to heaven and set the angels straight on this matter. They need to tell them not to rejoice until the sinner dies and goes to heaven, because they may be rejoicing too soon. What if he repents but later falls away and is lost? The angels shouldn't be so fast with their joy!' (see Luke 15:10).

Salvation is the gift of God, and God's gifts are "irrevocable" (Romans 11:29).

The redeemed of the Lord cannot be unpurchased.

The blood can never lose its authority.

Eternal life cannot be temporary if it's eternal.

It's not provisional life, it's everlasting life.

Remember, we are not secure in our salvation because of our grip on the Saviour, but rather because of His grip on us. He loved us before time began. He came here Himself in the person of His Son to secure our redemption with His blood. He sought us until He found us. Do you think that He will now let us go back into our sins and be lost again? Away with such nonsense! If a child of God ends in Hell, Jesus, the One who claimed to be the Truth, is made a liar because He has promised His sheep they will never perish (John 10:28).

May we learn patiently to wait for this next great 'until' that will bring the resurrection of our bodies and the consummation of His glorious salvation.

We have been justified, reconciled and set apart unto Him. And now we wait, resting on the exceeding great and precious promises of His Word (2 Peter 1:4).

Until He comes, we are Worshippers. We show His death (1 Cor. 11:26).

Until He comes, we are Warriors. We hold fast his truth, (Revelation 2:25).

Until He comes, we are Workers. We are occupied in His service (Luke 19:13).

And that's the Gospel Truth!