
MEN'S CIGS

Preparation for June 1, 2016



MEMORIZE

1 THESSALONIANS 5:5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

ROMANS 13:11-14 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

READ THIS SECTION ON **SONS OF THE DAY**

Out of the Cross Immersion at the end of March, the Lord led us into Luke 9:18-62 to show us some of the things He will be doing in our lives between April and October. As His revolutionary learners, Jesus is teaching us how to continuously cleave steadfastly to Him and live by the power source of the cross all throughout the Day (Luke 9:23). In the last two weeks, the Lord has emphasized our need to WAIT on Him to become people of His manifest Presence, who are truly baptized in fire. Jesus is unveiling to us how He

entered into transfiguration and He is equipping us to enter in as well! We are learning how to live in a new dimension of daily living that causes our faces to shine for others to see.

In the next two to three weeks, Jesus will be giving us one of the keys to a transfigured existence: living as a "son of the day." All through the New Testament there are references to the Day of the Lord as something for which believers look for eagerly. But the Day of the Lord is more than just a future event we hope to experience. The apostles of the early church were seeking to equip believers in how to live in the NOW as "sons of the day" — as people whose very origin and identity springs from the Day of the Lord.

The apostle John says that who we are NOW is fully revealed on that DAY.

1 JOHN 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

WE MUST KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY OF THE LORD TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE NOW.

The apostle Peter wrote an entire letter to equip believers in how to carry the Day of the Lord. In 2 Peter 1:16-18, Peter reminds the churches that he was an eyewitness of Jesus' transfiguration, an event that Peter calls the "coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." In other words, as Jesus was transfigured, Peter saw the future Day of the Lord. Peter exhorts believers to pay attention to the Scriptures as to a "light that shines in a dark place, until the Day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts." (2 Peter 1:19-21). Peter is exhorting the church to carry the Day of the Lord in their bodies until they are transfigured.

2 PETER 1:16-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

WE MUST LET THE SCRIPTURES FULLY REVEAL THE DAY OF THE LORD UNTIL WE CARRY IT IN OUR BODIES AND ARE SHINING WITH THE APPEARING OF THE LORD.

The apostle Paul connected the church with the Spirit as the One who is giving downloads of that Day.

EPHESIANS 1:14 (Amplified) The Spirit is the downpayment [the first installment, the pledge, a foretaste] of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own [purchased] possession [His believers], to the praise of His glory.

EPHESIANS 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day [to the day, in the day, on the day] of redemption.

WE MUST LET THE SPIRIT GIVE US DOWNLOADS NOW OF EVERYTHING THAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

BE TRANSFORMED BY 1 COR 15:42-58

In coming months we'll look closer at the Scriptures which tell us what will take place on Day of the Lord. This will increase our capacity to carry the coming and the appearing of the Lord. In the next two weeks, we'll delve into 1 Corinthians 15:42-58 to discover what will happen on the Day of the Lord and let the experience of that DAY begin dawning and rising in our hearts NOW.

Use your observation tools to get a graphic look at the day of the Lord from 1 Corinthians 15:42-58.

What will happen on the day? Write out your observations in your journal.

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| - WHO is involved and WHAT they are doing or their states of being | - COMPARISON, contrast, and cause & effect |
| - WHEN and WHERE is it happening | - CONTEXT |
| - REPETITION of keywords and phrases | - PROPORTION — how much writing is devoted to a specific topic |
| - RELIVE portions of the passage — sights, smells, sounds | - MOVEMENT and TERMS OF CONCLUSION AND RESULT |
| - TIME expressions | |

What eternal truths are emerging from your observations. Write them out in your journal.

Wait on the Lord and let the Spirit begin downloading this Day to you.

- Pay attention, meditate, relive 1 Corinthians 15:42-48 by the power of the Spirit until it begins rising on the inside of you.
- Expect supernatural breakthroughs: instantaneous transformation, healing as the corruptible is clothed with the incorruptible, bearing the image of the heavenly Man, and more.
- Listen to what Jesus tells you. Obey what He says.

Carry the Day that is rising in your heart into your real life circumstances. Take your memory verses and encounters from 1 Corinthians 15:42-48 into your daily life. Ask the Spirit to manifest Christ and His appearing through your body. Observe and journal how this changes you, your circumstances and others in your sphere.

TESTIMONY OF TRANSFORMATION

Come to our June 1 CIG meeting with a one page TESTIMONY OF TRANSFORMATION:

- Start you sharing with these words: "I was changed over the past two weeks."
- Summarize in your second sentence one significant way that you changed.
- Share what verse or verses from 1 Corinthians 15:42-48, 1 Thessalonians 5:5, or Romans 13:11-14 the Spirit used in your transformation; one encounter with the Spirit you had; and one way you manifested Christ and His appearing in your real life.
- Be ready to spread the fire of your experience to your brothers under the direction of your CIG leader.