



**Ready or Not Here IT Comes
(The Fight of Your Life)
Luke 24:46-48 (NKJV)**

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46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things.

**Three Important Questions
During the Coronavirus Season
(Romans 6:1-3, NKJV)**

1. **What** Shall We Say? (What do you say in a moment like this?)
2. **Shall** We Continue?
3. **How** Shall We Continue?

1 **What shall we say then? Shall we continue** in sin that grace may abound?
2 Certainly not! **How shall we** who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Four Important Attitudes You Will Need In This Fight

1. **Fight Like a Buried Person** (Believe you are beyond some things)
 - 4 Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.
2. **Fight Like a Resurrected Person** (See yourself rising)
 - 5 For if we have been **united** together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the **likeness of His resurrection**,
3. **Fight Like a Crucified Person** (You have been identified with Christ on the Cross)
 - 6 **knowing** this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord**.
4. **Fight Like a Free Person** (**You are supposed to have dominion; act like it**)
 - 12 Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And **do not present your members** as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace**.



Summary:

- Romans 6:22–23 (NKJV): 22 But **now having been set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conclusion: What are some questions people have been asking me about the current fight?

1. How long will this last? This could last beyond the summer
2. How is the church doing? The church is doing well and retooling its factories
3. Are the members still giving? Yes, it has been amazing to see the online and mail giving.
 - **But we need everybody that can to keep standing with us.**
4. What are we doing in the community? Everything we can get our hands to do
 - We are serving our community, giving away hundreds of meals, cash donations, delivering supplies to shelters, supporting victims' families of the virus and more
 - Last week we gave enough food to provide 731 meals and more
 - We are still supporting our foreign missions in Uganda
 - We are in a massive church digital build out that will include

Examples:

- A. Men's Singles events
- B. Marriage
- C. Young Adults
- D. Children
- E. Youth
- F. New volunteer opportunities
- G. A new digital membership drive
- H. And More

Next Time: Managing a New Dream

Read Ahead: Matthew 25:1-46

Big Point: Jesus lays out three important conversations we all need to have

1. He wants to talk about **your personal responsibilities** for your future (v1-13)
2. He wants to talk about the **financial responsibilities** you must manage (v14-30)
3. He wants to talk about **the tough days ahead** that you must prepare for (v31-46)