

**Title: The Eternal Miracle**  
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### The end is not yet

#### **Matthew 24:4-14**

<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. <sup>9</sup>Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup>Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But he who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

### The way of compromise is the way of failure

#### **Matthew 4:8-11**

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

### An abundance of grace

#### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

#### **Romans 5:20b**

...But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more...

### Only one way

#### **Matthew 18:11**

<sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

#### **Acts 4:12**

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

### The key to life

#### **1 John 5:12**

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## Labour constraints

### Matthew 9:35-38

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup>But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. <sup>38</sup>"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

## God's rewards

### Mark 10:29-30

<sup>29</sup>So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, <sup>30</sup>"who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.