

What Will Be Written About Us?

NEWS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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- Christ suffered for God's people. {1 Pet 3:18; 1:18-19; Titus 2:14}

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Rev 20:12-15

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The Story of God's People

- The Bible is filled with the story of God's people.
- Some of God's people were faithful and obedient.
- Others walked away from God.
- If someone was to write our story, what would they write about us?

Faithful:

- *Noah*
- *Abraham*
- *Moses*
- *David*
- *Apostles*

Unfaithful:

- *King Saul*
- *Balaam*
- *Nadab*
- *Abihu*
- *Diotrephes*

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They Took a Stand for the Lord

- God wants His people to take a stand.
- Paul said, “Take up the whole armor of God . . . and stand.”
{Eph 6:10-13}

Take Note:

- *Standing for the Lord requires knowledge. We must know how to stand and for what to stand.*

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They Lacked Knowledge

- God's people walked away from His word.
- The Lord said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."
{Hosea 4:1-6}

Take Note:

- *If we stop studying and walk away from God's word, then we will suffer at the day of judgment.*

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They Preached the Word of God

- God wants His people to preach His Word.
- Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples . . .” {*Matt 28:18-20*}
- Paul said, “Preach the Word!” {*2 Tim 4:2-4*}

Take Note:

- *Preaching the word helps to show the difference between good and evil.*

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They Called Evil Good

- God declared woe upon His people because they called evil good.
{Isa 5:20-21}
- We must not approve of evil deeds.
{Rom 1:28-32}
- Let it not be said we called evil good and good evil.

Take Note:

- *If we call evil good and good evil, then we are no different than those who do not believe.*

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- *Sufferings may come when Christians oppose the wicked. However, not everyone opposes the wicked.*

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They Strengthened the Wicked

- The prophets of Israel strengthened the wicked. {*Ezek 13:1-7, 22-23*}
- Let it not be said we strengthened the hands of the wicked.

Take Note:

- *If we strengthen the wicked, then we become partakers of their deeds and enemies of God.*

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Judgment Day Is Coming!

- “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God . . .”
{*Rev 20:11-15*}
- Are you ready for the judgment day?
 - If you take a stand for the Lord,
 - If you preach the word,
 - If you are willing to suffer,
 - Then you may be ready.

Take Note:

- *Preparing for the day of judgment occurs when a person becomes one of God's people and lives faithfully.*

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Judgment Day Is Coming!

- “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God . . .”
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- Are you ready for the judgment day?
 - If you lack God’s word,
 - If you call evil good and good evil,
 - If you strengthen the wicked,
 - Then you are not ready.

Take Note:

- *If you are not ready for judgment, then turn back to the Lord by returning to Him and His word.*