

# DEEPER LIFE BIBLE CHURCH NL | SUNDAY MESSAGE | 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

## HOLDING THE TRUTH FAST TILL JESUS COMES

### ***Bible Reading: Revelation 3:7-12***

We live in a fast changing world; morals on which countries and communities were founded are decaying, compromise is on the increase. The signs of the end time are everywhere. The pleasures and properties of this world are temporary and vanity but you can safely trust in *“He that is holy, He that is true, He that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth”*. Today, He commands us to *“hold fast till I come, that no man take thy crown”*. As you obey His word, great will be your reward.

### **RATIONALE FOR HOLDING THE TRUTH**

*“Hold fast till I come...”*. If there was no danger of losing grip, there would be no need to sound an alarm. The Bible tells us why this charge is relevant and timely for end-time saints. The reality of our times is:

1. Sin and backsliding are increasing. The hearts of men imagine evil continually (Gen 6:5; Mat 24:12; Eccl 8:11). The love of many is getting cold. Take heed lest you fall (1 Cor 10:12). Demas started well but left the faith *“... having loved this present world”* (2 Tim 4:10).
2. Deception and false teachers are on the rise (Matthew 24:4,5,24). The Philadelphian church were opposed by the synagogue of Satan; liars professing to preach the truth (Rev 3:7).
3. The intention of the evil one is to take away our crown (John 10:10). He does this through subtlety and disguise. He goes around like a roaring lion seeking whom to devour (1 Pet 5:8).
4. Trials and persecutions are realities of our Christian faith (2 Tim 3:12). They are meant to refine us and prepare us for heaven (1 Pet 1:7,8) but unfortunately some believers become weary and compromise. Others make a mockery of Christ's second coming (Mat 24:45-51; 2 Peter 3:3,4).

### **RECIPE FOR HOLDING THE TRUTH**

*“That which ye have already hold fast till I come”* (Rev 2:25). *“...hold that fast which thou hast ”* (Rev 3:10). The coming of the Lord is imminent. What does He command us to hold on to?

1. **The faith** (Heb 10:23). It is your birthright; guard it. Examine yourself daily (2 Cor 13:5). Remain humble and keep your body under subjection (1 Cor 9:27). Earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3).
2. **The word of God** (Phil 2:16): It is the word of life; it quickens (makes alive - John 6:63). Don't believe everything you read and hear. Don't be gullible. Prove all things; hold fast to the truth and sound doctrine (1 The 5:21; Titus 1:9). *“Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life”* (Pro 4:13). The Philadelphian church had a little strength but kept God's word and did not deny Him. Do likewise.
3. **Righteousness** (Job 27:6). Strive to live a life void of reproach before God and man. Keep a good conscience (1 Tim 1:19). *“He that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger”* (Job 17:9).
4. **Eternal life** (1 Tim 6:12): *“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life”*. Stay on the narrow way that leads to eternal life (Mat 7:13,14). Flee from idols and distractions (1 John 5:21). Run the race with patience that is set before you; looking unto Jesus (Heb 12:1,2). Hold on till He comes!

### **REWARDS FOR HOLDERS OF THE TRUTH**

*“Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown”* (Rev 3:10). Jesus is coming to reward those who hold on till the end. The rewards are both in life and eternity. Namely:

1. An open door that no man can shut (Rev 3:8). Unbelievers and heretics will repent and join our fold (Rev 3:9). We will arise, shine. Our 'lost' children shall come to our light (Isa 60:1-5).
2. Eternal salvation from the hour of tribulation (Rev 3:10) and damnation in hell (Mat 24:13; John 3:16).
3. A crown of life and glory (James 1:12, 1 Pet 5:4). The crown is incorruptible (1 Cor 9:25);
4. We will reign with Jesus in the new city Jerusalem that comes down from heaven. (Rev 3:12; 2:25,26)

The reward is personal (Rev 22:12). It is reserved for the righteous and all overcomers (Rev 3:12; 22:14; 2 Tim 4:7,8). To receive it, you must remain steadfast and abiding (1 Corinthians 15:58; John 15:4,5), pure (1 John 3:3), watchful and prayerful (Matthew 26:41) and occupy till He comes (Luke 19:13).

***“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them” – John 13:17***