HOW TO SURVIVE THE END OF THE WORLD RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Surviving the end of the world doesn't depend on WHAT YOU DO. It depends on WHO YOU ARE.

Genesis 7:1 "The Lord then said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation."

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. The <u>NECESSITY</u> of a Righteous Life.

The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds.

Matthew 13:40-43 "Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of

the world. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will remove from His Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!"

Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."

Heaven is the absence of evil and the presence of God.

2 Peter 3:10-14 "But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a

thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth He has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in His sight."

Matthew 25:31-32, 46 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit upon His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in His presence, and He will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And the unrighteous will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

Every lifestyle has a destination.

Proverbs 12:28 "Righteousness is the road to life; wickedness is the road to death." There is no change in your character after death.

The person you are today is the person you are taking into eternity.

2 Corinthians 5:10 "We must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body."

2. The <u>NATURE</u> of a Righteous Life.

1 John 3:7 "Don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous."

Galatians 3:11 "So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law."

Righteousness is beyond your reach, but it is not unreachable.

We can become righteous because Jesus makes a way for us.

Luke 1:68-69, 74-75 "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and redeemed His people. He has sent us a mighty Savior...so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live."

Righteousness is your destiny.

2 Corinthians 5:21 "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

John 16:10 Jesus said, "Righteousness is available because I go to the Father."

Romans 6:16 "Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a

slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living."

3. The <u>NET RESULT</u> of a Righteous Life.

2 Peter 2:5, 9 "God did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness. The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment."

Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith."

2 Timothy 4:7-8 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me - the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will

give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing."

Malachi 3:17-18 "They will be My people,' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 'On the day when I act in judgment, they will be My own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child. Then you will again see the difference between the **righteous** and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

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