

# "...UNTIL THE ANCIENT OF DAYS CAME..." APRIL 19, 2013

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## Jesus said to Christians: "OCCUPY...till I come."

**A**re you a true **%Christian?** The word **%CHRISTIAN** has only **ONE MEANING: %A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST!** And to be a **%follower** means **%to be in the same way with him; to accompany him.**

Are you walking **in the same way with** Jesus? Are you **accompanying** Him during your lifetime, or are **YOU** the one in charge?

Before Jesus left, he instructed us to **%OCCUPY [WHICH MEANS TO "BUSY ONESELF" WITH...] till [HE] come** (LUKE 19:13). As 12-year-old Jesus was **%about [HIS] Father's business** (LUKE 2:49), shouldn't **YOU** be also, seeing that God is your Father too?

### WORKING in the Vineyard!

**True Christians** are the **%LABOURERS** that the Lord has **SENT %into his vineyard** (MATT. 20:1) since his departure into heaven, where He sits on the **RIGHT HAND** of His Father!

We are now **SENT FORTH** into the world **%as SHEEP in the MIDST [IN THE MIDDLE] of WOLVES** (MATT. 10:16) who are **%in SHEEP'S CLOTHING** (MATT. 7:15).



This world is the Lord's **%VINEYARD** and we are called to **LABOR %for the PRECIOUS FRUIT of the earth** (JAMES 5:7) for the husbandman!



### RULES in the Vineyard!

Jesus said, **%am the TRUE VINE [WHICH MEANS THERE MUST BE ALSO FALSE VINES...], and my Father is the HUSBANDMAN [A LANDWORKER].**

**%every branch IN ME that BEARETH NOT FRUIT He [THE FATHER] TAKETH AWAY: and every branch that BEARETH FRUIT, He PURGETH IT [MEANING TO CLEANSE; TO PRUNE], that it may bring forth MORE FRUIT** (JOHN 15:1-2).

Are you **IN CHRIST**, or **IN a religion?** Only in Christ, **%[ARE YE] the branches** (JOHN 15:5), and **%the BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF except it abide IN THE VINE** (JOHN 15:4).



We are **COMMANDED to %REACH THE WORD** (2 TIM. 4:2) **%to EVERY creature** (MARK 16:15); **DIS-TRIBUTE %to the necessity of saints** (ROMANS 12:13); **%EXAMINE [OURSELVES], whether [WE] be in the faith** (2 COR. 13:5); and **%BE READY ALWAYS TO GIVE AN ANSWER to every man that ASKETH [US] A REASON of the hope that is IN**

### Christian... WHERE is your FRUIT?



**[US]** (1 PETER 3:15). Christian, when **YOU** were **%DEAD in trespasses and sins** (EPHES. 2:1), and were **suddenly GIVEN LIFE, LIFE produces FRUIT! DEAD THINGS produce nothing!**

**Christians** are **%the LIGHT of the world** (MATT. 5:14), and we naturally **LET OUR %LIGHT SO SHINE before men, that they may SEE [OUR] good works, and GLORIFY [OUR] Father which is in heaven** (MATT. 5:16)!

But if **%the LIGHT that is in [YOU] be DARKNESS, HOW GREAT is that darkness** (MATT. 6:23). Our **LIGHT is supposed to be** on a candlestick, where **%it giveth LIGHT unto all that are in the house** (MATT. 5:15), **NOT HIDDEN under a BUSHEL!**

When our Lord does return, every **true Christian** will give account of his or her **stewardship %which also beareth FRUIT, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty** (MATT. 13:23).

But the **%UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS** who **DID NO WORK** in the vineyard, and produced **NO FRUIT AT ALL** will be **CAST** alive **%into OUTER DARKNESS: there shall be WEEPING and GNASHING of teeth** (MATT. 25:30)!

In the vineyard, we are **BUSY DOING THE WILL** of our Lord, who **%IS COME TO SEEK and TO SAVE that which was lost** (LUKE 19:10), and we **do likewise, SOWING THE WORD** to the world (MARK 4:14-20).

In these **LAST DAYS**, we are **commanded to WATCH, %lest coming suddenly He FIND YOU SLEEPING. And what I say unto YOU I say unto ALL, WATCH** (MARK 13:36-37).