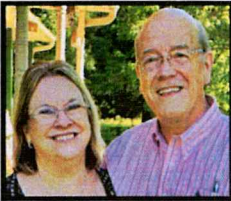


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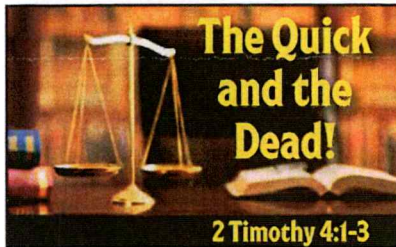
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## Devotional Thought

by Bill Johnson



- <sup>1</sup> I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.
- <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.

The incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of God the Son isn't an afterthought in the special revelation of God. For our sins to become His, it was necessary that He become one of us. For His righteousness to become our's, it was necessary that He become one of us. This was of necessity a work for God, alone. Only God is totally righteous and therefore able to suffer the penalty of sin.

As God, Jesus could speak with all authority. As God, Jesus can and will judge the quick and the dead. This is exactly why the unbelieving world only accepts Jesus "at best as a great prophet and at least a great moral teacher." According to R. C. Sproul, "This still leaves Him in His humanity, precisely to leave off His judgment." But Sproul wrote that a few generations ago. In today's materialistic, secular world, man claims the right to devise his own system of morality. Even so, Jesus is the One who offers to take the sin of any believing person and give His righteousness in return. But those who refuse, hate to hear the words, "[The Lord Jesus] will judge the quick and the dead." It is indeed a "fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:37).

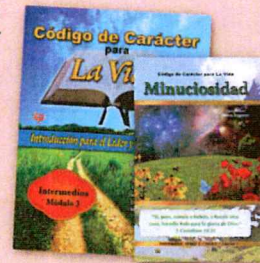
Paul, in his charge to his young friend Timothy, hoped to prepare Timothy for the time when the world would not tolerate life under the moral principles of God, making it necessary for us to preach the Word. In Christ, we have hope of life eternal. Without Christ, our only destiny is to fall into the hands of the One who will judge the quick and the dead. Preach the Word. Be honest and clear. Preach in love. Preach to every person you encounter.

## John's Notes

We are so blessed to see the translation and distribution of our *Character Code for Life* material around the world. Our newsletter today highlights five of those locations.



Brother Gabriel Sanchez, who has translated Modules 1-4 of our *Character Code for Life* curriculum and *Lord of Kings* VBS into the Spanish language, has recently moved to Monteria, Colombia. He and his wife Esmerelda, and children Dylan and Dayra, have been sent out by First Baptist Church of Cave City, Arkansas, to do mission work in Monteria. Brother Gabriel will continue helping with translation as time permits. Pray for this precious family and ministry.



Our Russian translation is one step nearer to completion, with Module 5 translation now being proofread. Brother Pavel Omelianchuk and his family live in Belarus. He was raised in a Baptist home and is a true blessing to our ICP family. Brother John Pinkavich is also a tremendous blessing as he proofreads all the Russian translated materials. Both these brothers are also using these materials with their churches and promoting them with others. Please pray for them and their families.

