

Worship Service

March 4th, 2018

9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00 am	Sunday school
10:40 am	Congregational Hymns
10:55 am	Praises & Worship
11:00 am	Today's Message The Wise & Foolish Virgins
11:45 am	Offering - Ushers <i>Offering Hymn</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Prayers & Benediction

March Birthdays

Brother Theophilus	March 2 nd
Brother Abraham	March 6 th
Sister Mary	March 6 th
Brother Adusei	March 7 th
Brother Marchant	March 8 th
Sister Vicentia	March 11 th
Brother Chris	March 12 th
Brother Benji	March 15 th
Sister Rebecca	March 21 st

Message: The Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins was told by Christ Jesus. He likened the Kingdom of heaven to ten virgins who went out to meet the Bridegroom. The Church is the Bride and Christ is the Bridegroom; He is the Head of the Church. He cleanses and sanctifies the Church to be without blemish for her to be ready for Him. In the parable, He wants the Church to know that it takes preparation to meet the Bridegroom when He comes.

- I. **THE VIRGINS AND THE LAMPS** – 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 14:1-5; Eph. 5:25-27; Luke 12:35-38; Matt.5:14-16
Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her and to present Her to Himself as a Virgin, a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or blemish. The Church must let her light (lamp) continue to shine to glorify God.
- II. **THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE WISE VIRGINS** – Matt. 25:1-2,4; Matt.7:24; Heb. 10:36-39; Rev. 2:4,25; 2 Sam. 22:29; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Psalm 119:105
The Church is made up of Virgins (born again Christians). They were saved by the Spirit. The wise had sufficient oil; they have grace for every temptation. The wise virgins were patiently waiting for the Bridegroom. They were constantly examining their lives if there was anything they could take to the Cross.
- III. **THE UNPREPAREDNESS OF THE FOOLISH VIRGINS** - Matt. 25:1,3,8; Titus 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:5-7; Ezek. 33:30-33; Rev. 1:1-3
The foolish still bear the name of virgins. They called the Bridegroom Lord. They profess they have God but the conviction of the Holy Spirit was not there. They were ever learning the Word of God but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- IV. **THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE FOOLISH VIRGINS** – Matt. 25:10-13; 7:21-23; Deut. 32:6,29; Job 32:8,9; Luke 12:20; 2 Sam. 3:33

Nobody knows when the time of grace for Gentiles will be over. Virgins in the Church who are not prepared will be disappointed. It might be too late for any repentance. Jesus told the believers of His day that not every who says Lord, Lord shall enter into His Kingdom.