

## **SERIES: CHURCH: WHAT GOOD IS IT?**

### **#1786: Your Preferred Future.**

How do I prepare for the best future possible?

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NIV=New International Version, NLT=New Living Translation, ESV=English Standard.

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*“Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown.*

*All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name. “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.* — Revelation 3:7–13 (NLT)

## **The Facts About Your Future**

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## 2. Your Future is About HOW you Follow.

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