

### INVESTED #3

**“Sacrifice = Eternal Investment”**

**I John 2:15-16; Revelation 18:4-18 / May 1, 2016**

**Intro – Best investment advice ever**

**Babylon – Real place or figurative? (Isaiah 13, Jeremiah 51, Ezekiel 26-27, Isaiah 34, Nahum 3, Revelation 17:9-18)**

- **DON'T LIVE IN BABYLON (“come out of her...”v. 4-8, see also Jer. 51:45 & II Cor. 6:17)**
  - King’s seduction (v. 2 – Revelation 17)
  - Sins heaped high
  - Judgment
- **DON'T LOVE BABYLON (“do not love the world...” I John 2:15&16)**
  - Merchant’s cargo (v. 3, 11)
  - Flesh and Eyes (I John 2:16, vs. 11-19)
  - Wealth management (vs. 3, 7, 15, 17, 19, see also Mark 10:23 and Matt. 13:22)
- **DON'T INVEST IN BABYLON (“...all this wealth has been laid waste.” vs. 8, 10, 17, 19, see also I John 2:17)**
  - “in a single hour”
  - “This night” (Luke 12:13-21)
  - “Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:19)

**Close – Investment opportunity**

### Prayers for ECC

- Ask God to help you do an investment analysis in your life? What of your time, money, and effort are bringing eternal dividends? Ask God for help to see ways you can invest eternally.
- Ask God to bless the ministries of our church, Eastview Christian Church to raise up thousands of servants who will lay up treasures in heaven by serving his church worldwide
- Ask God if he wants you to give more to the church. Read today's scriptures again and listen. Holy, double-dog dare ya.
- Thank God that he has rescued us from our sins and Babylon and included us in the city of the King.

### Baptism Testimony

#### **Deborah Campbell (11:00)**

I first came to know the Lord when I was around 12, thanks to a wonderful and current influence in my life... but it wasn't rooted and wasn't deep; I didn't pay enough attention. Years later, separation and divorce left me a single mother to 2 babies and I held on just to keep our heads above water. In 2005 I became more curious and serious about Jesus and this journey. But it wasn't until I began attending ECC and also joined a loving small group in my hometown that my relationship with the Lord began to flourish. I have never been happier, even when things get a little tough. This baptism is very special to me as it is my outward expression (exclamation!) of this joy-inducing relationship and my love, dependence, and gratitude for God. Praise Him always!!