

# QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS SECOND COMING

(part 2)

## 1 Thessalonians

Last week we looked at:

What will happen?

1. Return: The Lord will descend
2. Resurrection: The dead in Christ will rise
3. Rapture: We who are alive will be caught up
4. Reunion: We will meet the Lord in the air

When will it happen?

Mark 13:8, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows."

This week...

What should I do about it?

### I. I Should Not Be Surprised.

Romans 13:12, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

### II. I Should Be Alert.

Mark 13:32-33, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

### III. I Should Be Self-Controlled.

1 Peter 1:13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

Putting on faith & love as a breastplate

Putting on the hope of salvation as a helmet

Hebrews 9:28, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

### IV. I Should Be An Encourager.

1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

3 character qualities found in encouragers:

#### 1. Appreciation

For three things: Hard Work, Leadership, & Teaching

In three ways: Esteeming, Valuing, & Living In Peace

## 2. Discernment

### Warn the idle

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

The Won't Do people need clear direction.

### Encourage the timid

2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

The Scared To Do people need gentle motivation.

### Help the weak

1 Corinthians 8:9, "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak."

Galatians 6:1-2, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

The Can't Do people need practical action.

## 3. Patience

Who needs our patience? Everyone

Who of us needs God's patience? All of us

2 Timothy 2:24-26, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Titus 2:11-13, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"