

## **DON'T BE SCARED BE PREPARED**

### ***THE END #1***

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*“And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.”*

(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, NLT)

**The Bible gives me clear and certain truths that I can understand.**

#### **A. Hunger for the Bible**

*“Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.”* (1 Peter 2:2–3, NLT)

#### **B. Search the Bible**

*“Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.”*  
(Proverbs 2:4, NLT)

## **C. Treasure the Bible**

*“I have not departed from his commands, but have treasured his words more than daily food.” (Job 23:12, NLT)*

### **Three Great Assurances from the Study of The End**

- 1. The Coming of Christ.**
- 2. The Resurrection of the Dead**
- 3. The Eternal State**

#### **1. REVELATION IS ABOUT JESUS.**

*“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,”*  
(Revelation 1:1, NASB)

- a. Jesus wins the world for himself.**
- b. Jesus informs and prepares me for The End.**
- c. Jesus invites me to choose life.**

*“May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light.” (Colossians 1:11–12, GN)*

#### **2. REVELATION IS REFRESHES AND REINFORCES MY FAITH.**

*“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,” (Revelation 1:10, NASB)*

*“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died...On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity.” (Zechariah 12:10; 13:1, NLT)*

**3. SEE JESUS LIKE YOU’VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!**

*“I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.” (Revelation 1:12–18, NASB95)*

## **GROWTHWORK**

### **1 PETER 4:7-11**

- 1. Be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Vs. 7**
- 2. Continue to show deep love for each other. Vs. 8**
- 3. Serve one another. Vss. 10-11**