

THINKING CLEARLY ABOUT THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE END #2

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(1 Thessalonians 5:1–11, NLT) “Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don’t really need to write you. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. When people are saying, “Everything is peaceful and secure,” then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman’s labor pains begin. And there will be no escape. But you aren’t in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won’t be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don’t belong to darkness and night. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST’S RETURN ENCOURAGES AND BUILDS US UP.

(1 Thessalonians 5:10–11, NLT) “Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

I WILL LIVE AS I AM; A CHILD OF LIGHT.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5, NLT) “For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don’t belong to darkness and night.”

THINK CLEARLY ABOUT THE COMING OF CHRIST.

(1 Thessalonians 5:8 NLT) “Be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.”

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING JESUS CHRIST.

(Titus 2:11–15 Message) “God’s readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation’s available for everyone! We’re being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now, and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears. He offered himself as a sacrifice to free us from a dark, rebellious life into this good, pure life, making us a people he can be proud of, energetic in goodness. Tell them all this. Build up their courage, and discipline them if they get out of line. You’re in charge. Don’t let anyone put you down.”

(John 14:1-3 NLT) “Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

THE COMING OF CHRIST IS

- A. INTENSELY PERSONAL
- B. CERTAIN
- C. FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM!

(2 Timothy 4:8 NCV) “The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give the crown to me on that day—not only to me but to all those who have waited with love for him to come again.”