

*Our Issues – God’s Answers*

Is Jesus Really Coming Soon?

INTRO: Many ask, “Are these the last days?” Since they began with the arrival, and particularly the resurrection of Jesus, then “Yes, these are.” What they really want to know are these the last of the last days? Is Jesus coming soon? “For yet *a little while*, and he that shall come will come, and *will not tarry*.” (Heb. 10:37)

I. THE INDICATION OF JESUS COMING SOON

1. The Rise Of Deception - John 8:44; 2 Th. 2:8-9; Rev. 13:1-7
  - (1) An Antichrist Spirit vs. The Church - 1 Jn. 2:18-19; He. 10:25
  - (2) An Antichrist Spirit vs. The Christ - 1 Jn. 4:1-4; Ga. 1:6-9
2. The Rise Of Depravity - 2 Tm. 3:1-5; 2 Th. 2:6-10
3. The Rise Of Distress - 2 Tm. 3:12-13; John 16:2 (e.g. Saul)
4. The Rise Of Departures
  - (1) Departing From The Faith - Acts 20:29-30; 1 Tm. 4:1-3
  - (2) Departing From The Faithful - 1 Co. 11:19; 1 Jn. 2:18-19

II. THE IMPLICATIONS OF JESUS COMING SOON

1. For Our Soul-Winning - 2 Co. 5:9-11; 14:21; 6:1-2
2. For Our Spiritual Life - Ro.13:13-14; 2 Pt. 3:10-14; 1 Jn. 2:28 - 3:3
3. For Our Supplications - 1 Pt. 4:7; Ro. 12:12; Cl. 4:2
4. For Our Service
  - (1) To The Brother - 1 Pt. 4:8-9; Ja. 5:8-9; He. 3:12-13
  - (2) To The Body - 1 Pt. 4:10-11; He. 10:24-25
5. For Our Security - 1 Pt. 5:8-9; Acts 20:29-30 (2 Co. 11:3-4, 13-15)
6. For Our Sorrow - 1 Th. 4:13-18; 1 Pt. 1:13; Re. 21:4-5
7. For Our Steadfastness - Titus 2:13; Pp.3:20-21; 1Tm. 6;10-14; 2Tm. 4:8

CONCL: Jesus warned His disciples, “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” (Mt. 24:42) We are closer than any generation of Christians ever. Let us live like we believe He is coming today. Perhaps He is!!

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How Can I Defeat The Devil? Pt. 2

INTRO: And now for the combat!

IV. THE REPERTOIRE OF THE DEVIL

1. The Lie (“the great counterfeiter”)
  - (1) False Messiah - 2 Th. 2:3-11; Re. 13; 1 Jn. 4:3
  - (2) False Ministers - 2 Co. 11:13-14; 1 Jn. 4:3
  - (3) False Message - Ga. 1:6-9; 1 Tm. 4:1-3; 2 Pt. 2:1
  - (4) False Minions - Jn. 8:44; Acts 5:1-13
2. The Leading Away
  - (1) Sexual Sins - 1 Co. 7:5
  - (2) Self-Promotion - EP. 2:2; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 5:19
  - (3) Self Reliance - Ge. 3:1-6; 1 Ch. 21:1-8
  - (4) Self-Centeredness - Ep. 4:26-32; 1 Co. 1:1ff.
  - (5) Spiritual Pride - 1 Tm. 3:6 (Position) 1 Pt. 5:6-10 (Problems)
  - (6) Sabotage - 1 Th. 2:18; Re. 2:10

V. THE READINESS FOR THE DEVIL

1. Our Submitting To God - Ja. 4:6-7
2. Our Strengthening By God - Ep. 6:10-12
3. Our Standing With God - 1 Pt. 5:5-10

VI. THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE DEVIL - Ep. 6:13-18

1. Put On Christ Our Truth
2. Put On Christ Our Righteousness
3. Put On Christ Our Message
4. Put On Christ Our Doctrine
5. Put On Christ Our Salvation
6. Put On Christ Our Living Word
7. Put On Christ Our Access

VII. THE RESIGNATION OF THE DEVIL - Re. 20:1-3, 7-10

CONCL: Last week we have learned to recognize, identify, even understand our enemy, the Devil. But this week we learned how to combat him. Grab your Sword! It is time to go to war!