

Warnings Concerning Christ's Return

Scripture: Luke 21:34-36
Titus 2:11-13

Introduction

As I look at the conditions of our present world, I believe we are the generation that will see the return of Jesus Christ.

All the pieces seem to be in place. On the political front, in religion, in the tone of world affairs, all is ready for the rapture of the church.

God's great desire for you is that you should be ready for that snatching away of the Church of Jesus Christ.

I. Live in anticipation of His return

Luke 21:34a And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts should be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life....

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

A. Negative warnings--Don't be overcharged (weighed down) with:

1. Surfeiting (literal translation: a headache)
 - a. Activities that dissipate our spiritual and physical energies
 - b. Pleasure seeking
2. Drunkenness
3. Cares of life

B. Positive admonitions:

1. Deny:
 - a. Ungodliness: things that are uncharacteristic of God
 - b. Worldly lusts
2. Live:
 - a. Soberly: Using self control
 - b. Righteously: Upright
 - c. Godly

II. Be aware of the signs of Christ's return

Luke 21:34b ... and so that day come upon you unawares.

- A. The political scene
- B. The economic picture
- C. The signs in the physical universe

III. Constantly prepare yourself for Christ's return

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man.

A. Watch

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

B. Pray

1. Be in constant contact with God
2. Maintain a broken and contrite spirit
3. Be repentant, preparing constantly for Christ's return