

He IS Coming Again

1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9
Daniel 9:24-27
Luke 12:35-40

Feast of Trumpets

- Holy assembly, NO WORK - a day of REST, blowing of trumpets. (Numbers 29:1-6; Exodus 23:14-17; 34:22-24; Leviticus 23:23-25; Isaiah 27:13)
- This feast, as with ALL of God's feasts, is Him sharing His JOY with His elect!
- His supreme joy is in His Son – God shares His Son with His elect.
- ALL of God's feast are shadows (Colossians 2:16-17) that point to the Substance - Jesus Christ.
- God's feasts are reminders of what God has done in the past for His elect and what He has promised to do for His elect in the future.
- **Are you one of God's elect?** (2 Peter 2:10) Do you have a reservation? (1 Peter 1:3-4) If you answer, "Yes", then what is the evidence of your election.
- Blinded to the truth of God's feasts:
 - ① Ten Days of AWE. (In contrast to Luke; Revelation 13:8; 17:8; 20:)
 - ② Tashlich Ceremony (Micah 7:18-20; Isaiah 43:25; 53:6)
 - ③ Ignorant of the Word of God and ignoring God's teachings in His feasts.

Deliver Us from Evil (Matthew 6:9-15)

- Memory/prayer assignment given by the pastor - Ephesians 5:15-17.
- The days are EVIL. (Ephesians 5:16)
- We live in a "crooked and perverse generation". (Philip. 2:15; Acts 2:40; 2 Peter 1:4; Revelation 19:2)
- The whole world lies under the influence of the evil one. (1 John 5:19)
- Christ commanded, "Pray and watch that you do not fall into the temptation." (Matthew 26:41)
- Christ taught us to pray, "Deliver **us** from evil." (Matthew 6:13)
- Our prayer life will give evidence just how evil we think the world is.
- Do we see evil as God sees evil?



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Imitate Us We Imitate Christ!

A Study in God's Letter to the Church of Thessalonika

He IS Coming Again! (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

- His **FIRST** Advent (arrival of something important and awaited):
 - Given in prophecy thousands of years before His coming!
 - In the "fulness of time" (Galatians 4:4)
 - GOD came in the FLESH. (John 1:1, 14; 1 Tim3:16; Philip 2:5-8)
- His **SECOND** Advent:
 - Jesus Himself promised! (John 14:1-6; Matt. 24:30; Luke 21:27; Rev 1:7)
 - Old and New Testament are full of prophecies of it!!!
 - Zechariah 12:10; Revelation 1:7
- Every chapter of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, with the only exception of his last chapter in his second letter, speak of Christ's return. (1 Thess. 1:10; 2:20; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:23; 2 Thess. 1:9-10; 2:1-8.)

God's Plan Is DETERMINED! (Daniel 9:24-27)

- "Seventy weeks are **DETERMINED** . . ." God has a plan! (vv. 24, 26, 27)
 - God planned His creation (all of it) before He created.
 - History is the unfolding of God's eternal plan. (Isaiah 46:9-11; Lam 3:37-38; Psalm 33:9-11; Proverbs 16:4, 9, 33; 19:21; 21:30; Daniel 4:35; Eph 1:11; **James 4:13-15**; Romans 11:36; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12)
 - **GOD IS SOVEREIGN!**
 - ★ NOTE the PROMISE! (v. 24)
- This seventy weeks began with the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Neh. 2:1-8
- At the end of **69** weeks (of years) "Messiah the Prince" would come. (See Luke 19:28-40; Zechariah 9:9)
- The Messiah would be cut off, **BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF**. (Daniel 9:26)
 - This was **DETERMINED!** See Acts 2:23; Luke 22:22)
- "Another" prince would come. (Daniel 9:26; Revelation 6:2)
- The missing week would be completed, **but in the middle of that week**, the "other" prince violates his treaty with God's people. (Daniel 9:27)
- At the end of this seventy weeks the promises of verse 24 will be fulfilled in the Second Coming of Christ.
- The "mysterious" Church Age. The time of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25)
- **ALL IS DETERMINED!**

Our Deliverer Is Coming Again (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

- We WAIT for God's Son to come from Heaven. Christ ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father.
 - He ascended! (Acts 1:9-11; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 110:1)

- As our Bridegroom He makes intercession for the elect. (Romans 8:28-34)
- He is our Advocate **when we sin!** (1 John 2:1)
- We WAIT – the Greek has the meaning of “waiting with great expectation.”
 - A young wife waiting for her husband to return from war.
 - A young soldier longing to hold his wife in arms again!
 - A young child waiting for his father to come home.
 - Parents waiting for their child to return home after a long absence.
- This is a BUSY WAITING – not just sitting around doing nothing.
 - A bride preparing herself for her groom. (Isaiah 61:10)
 - A young wife preparing herself and her home.
 - A parent preparing the child’s favorite food, etc.
 - A Christian purifying themselves just as He is pure. (1 John 3:3; 2 Cor 7:1; Hebrews 12:14; 2 Peter 3:11-14)
- Blessed Is He Who Is Watching and Doing (Luke 12:35-48)
 - “Be ready for **SERVICE**. Have your lights burning. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15)
 - Christ has **warned** us about being BUSY while we are WAITING. (Luke 12:43-48) He is serious about His disciples seriously watching for His return.
 - God has ordained WORK for us to DO. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - We are to be busy “doing the will of the Father”. (Matthew 7:21-29; 12:50; Luke 11:28; 1 John 2:17)
 - **ONLY THOSE DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER GET TO HEAVEN.**
 - We are always to be READY because we do not know when it will ACTUALLY happen. (Matthew 24:44; 25:10; Luke 12:40)
- We wait for the ONE who GOD raised from the dead.
 - Jesus came to LIVE a PERFECT LIFE **for us**. (Romans 8:3-4; 2 Cor 5:21)
 - Jesus came to DIE for the PENALTY **of our** sins. (John 10:18; Isaiah 53:10; Galatians 2:20; Titus 2:11-14)
 - God raised Him from the dead because HE (God) accepted His (Christ’s) offering on our behalf for our JUSTIFICATION. (Romans 4:25; 8:33-34)
 - **THINK FOR A MOMENT IF THERE WAS NO RESURRECTION!** (1 Corinthians 15:17)
- We wait for the One who DELIVERS us from the **WRATH** to come!
 - He drank the cup of God’s wrath **for us**. (Matt. 26:39, 42; Jer. 25:15-32)
 - See Revelation 20:11-15; 21:27; 13:8; 17:8; Luke 10:20.
- We wait for the One named **JESUS!**
 - Matthew 1:21: Because He will **SAVE** (deliver) His people from their sins.
 - 1 Timothy 2:5 – Our **ONLY** Mediator who stands between us and the holy, holy, holy God.
 - 2 Timothy 4:1 – Our Judge. (See Acts 17:31; John 5:22-23; 2 Cor. 5:10)

Are WE Watching and Doing?

- Christians have the REAL HOPE of Christ’s return, and those who have this REAL HOPE, everyone of them - no exceptions, purify themselves as He is pure. (1 John 3:1-3; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14)
- NOW is the time of salvation. See Mark 1:14-15; Hebrews 3:7-8, 15
- It is NOT for us to know the exact time of His coming, **BUT** we must live as if it were TODAY! Hebrews 3:7-13; Acts 1:7-8.
- The rewards of watching, waiting, and doing:
 - ★ A crown of righteousness: 2 Timothy 4:7-8
 - ★ A crown of life: James 1:12; Revelation 2:10
 - ★ Glorification! (Hebrews 9:28)
- Christ appeared for our salvation and now we LONG for the return of our GREAT GOD and SAVIOUR. (Titus 2:11-13; Hebrews 9:28; Titus 2:11-14; Philippians 3:20-21; Romans 8:23-25)

Are You Watching and Waiting?

What if it were TODAY?

Are You Busy Doing the Will of God?

What if it were TODAY?

Are WE Ready?

Are We as a Church Ready?