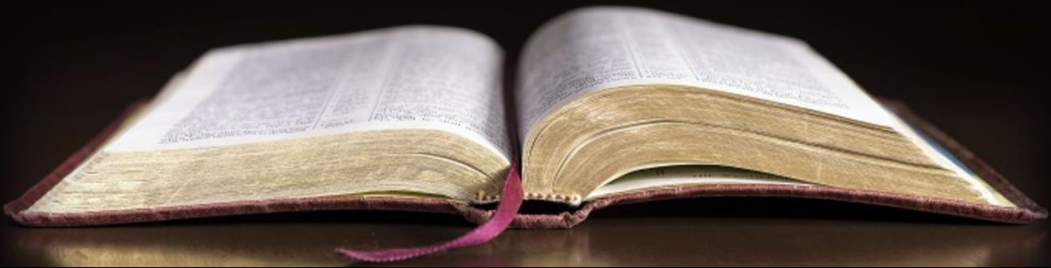


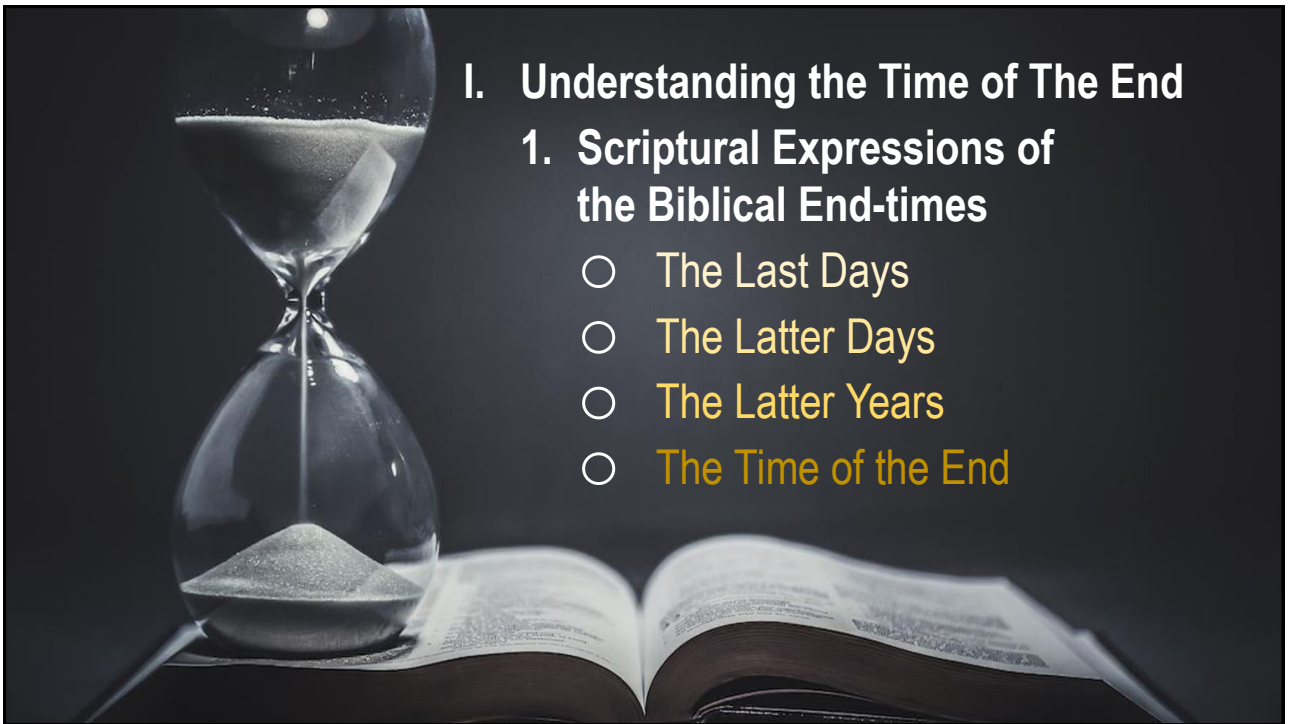


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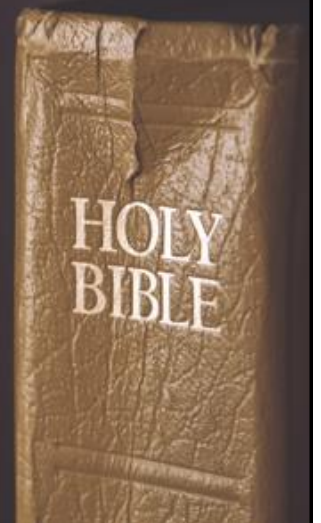
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**Daniel 12:4, 8-9**

4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal the book until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

8 Although I heard, **I did not understand**. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?” 9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for **the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end**.”



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**Jeremiah 23:20** The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. **In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.**

**Jeremiah 30:24** The fierce anger of the Lord will not return until He has done it, and until He has performed the intents of His heart. **In the latter days you will consider it.**



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**Ezekiel 38:8, 16** (*This battle is yet future*)

**8** **After many days** you will be visited. In the **latter years** you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

**16** You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the **latter days** that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”



3. Revelation of the Time of the End will come to those who **study** the Prophetic Scriptures and **seek** the Lord accordingly.

**2 Timothy 2:15** (KJV) **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

Ezra 7:10





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**Deuteronomy 29:29** The **secret things belong to the Lord our God**, but **those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever**, that we may do all the words of this law.

**1 Corinthians 2:9** But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man **the things which God has prepared for those who love Him**."



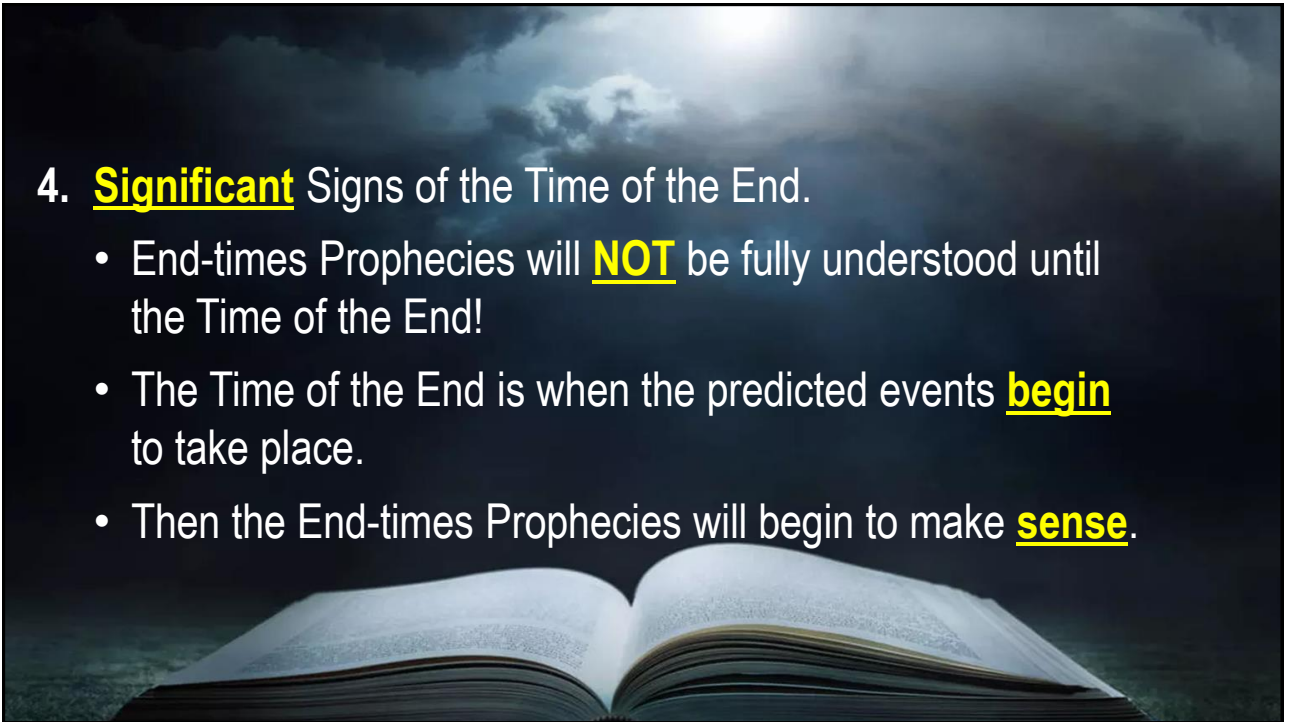
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**John 15:15** No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you **friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you**.



#### 4. **Significant** Signs of the Time of the End.

- End-times Prophecies will **NOT** be fully understood until the Time of the End!
- The Time of the End is when the predicted events **begin** to take place.
- Then the End-times Prophecies will begin to make **sense**.



#### 4. **Significant** Signs of the Time of the End.

- The Rebirth of **Israel** as a Nation.



“...that the Lord your God will bring you (the Jews) back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you.”  
(Deuteronomy 30:3, NKJV)

Isaiah 11:2; Ezekiel 36:24, 38:8, 16; Isaiah 66:18; Ezekiel 37:21, Jeremiah 29:14  
Replacement Theology (that the Church replaced Israel) is a **False** Doctrine!

4. **Significant** Signs of the Time of the End.

- Increasing **lawlessness**

BBTC Pulpit 2021		
Date	Topic	Speaker
16 & 17 Jan	Lawlessness Today As Mentioned in Romans 1	Elder Lok Vi Ming
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6 & 7 Mar	Lawlessness Today As Mentioned in 2 Timothy 3	DSP Chua Seng Lee

4. **Significant** Signs of the Time of the End.

- Increase in **knowledge** (*Daniel 12:3*)
  - ✓ Technology    ✓ Digitalization

Internet	Social Media	Google	Twitter
YouTube	Facebook	Instagram	Etc.

**Pre-cursor to the world witnessing:**

- resurrection of the 2 Witnesses and
- the Second Coming of Christ!





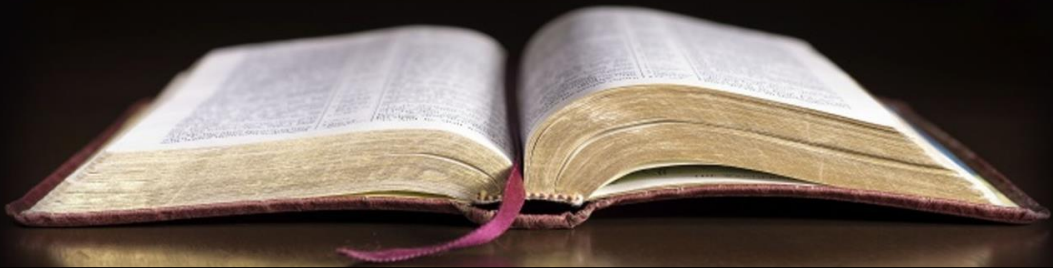
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- Increasing attacks on Christians, Christianity, Churches, etc.
  - ✓ pre-cursor to world system that hates God!
- Growing apostasy, lies and deceptions.
- Nations against nations.
  - ✓ on horizon will be the Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 Wars.
- Natural calamities - EQs, extreme weather.
- The longing for the Rapture.

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- **COVID-19** - pre-cursor of plagues 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet J of Rev 9 (1/3)
  - ✓ exponentially worse
- **Peace Treaties with Israel** - Abrahamic Accords
  - ✓ pre-cursor of ultimate AC Treaty with Israel and many nations
- **Digital Currencies** - Cryptocurrencies, BitCoins, etc.
  - ✓ pre-cursor to the mark of the beast

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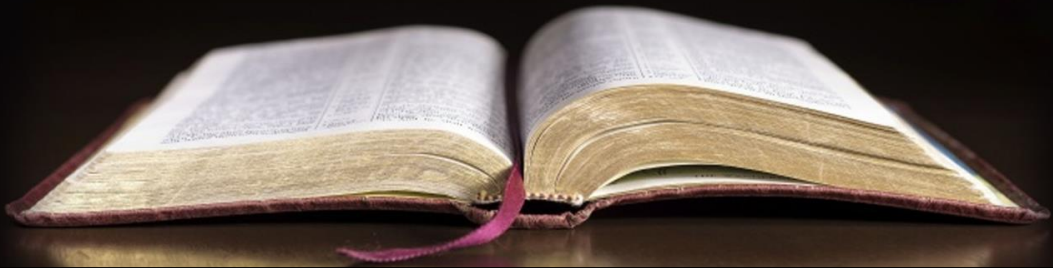
**Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.



1. God has placed **4 restraints** in society:

A. Man himself → **Conscience**

**Romans 2:15** who show the work of **the law written in their hearts**, their **conscience also bearing witness**, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them).



1. God has placed **4 restraints** in society:

B. Family → **Rod**

**Proverbs 13:24** He who spares his **rod** hates his son, but he who loves him **disciplines** him promptly.



1. God has placed 4 restraints in society:

C. Government → Sword

**Romans 13:4** For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.



1. God has placed 4 restraints in society:

D. Church → The Truth - Salt & Light

**Matthew 5:13-16**

13 You are the salt of the earth ...

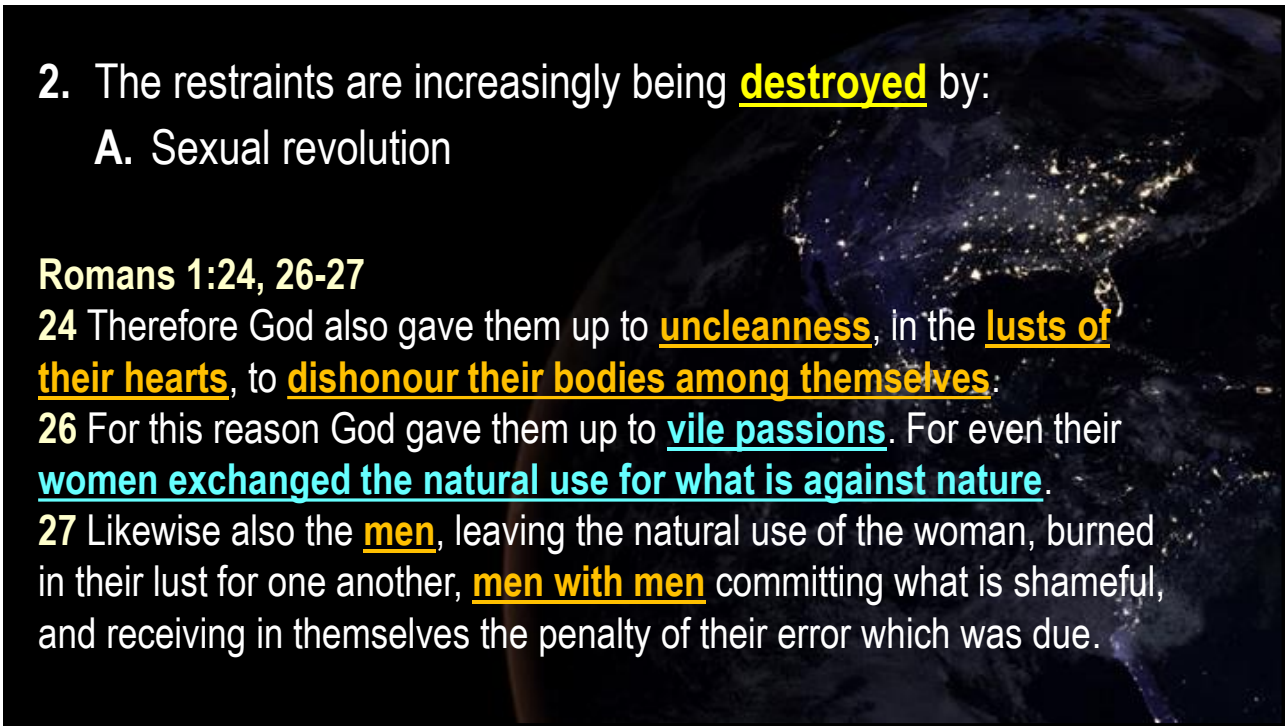
14 You are the light of the world ...

15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.





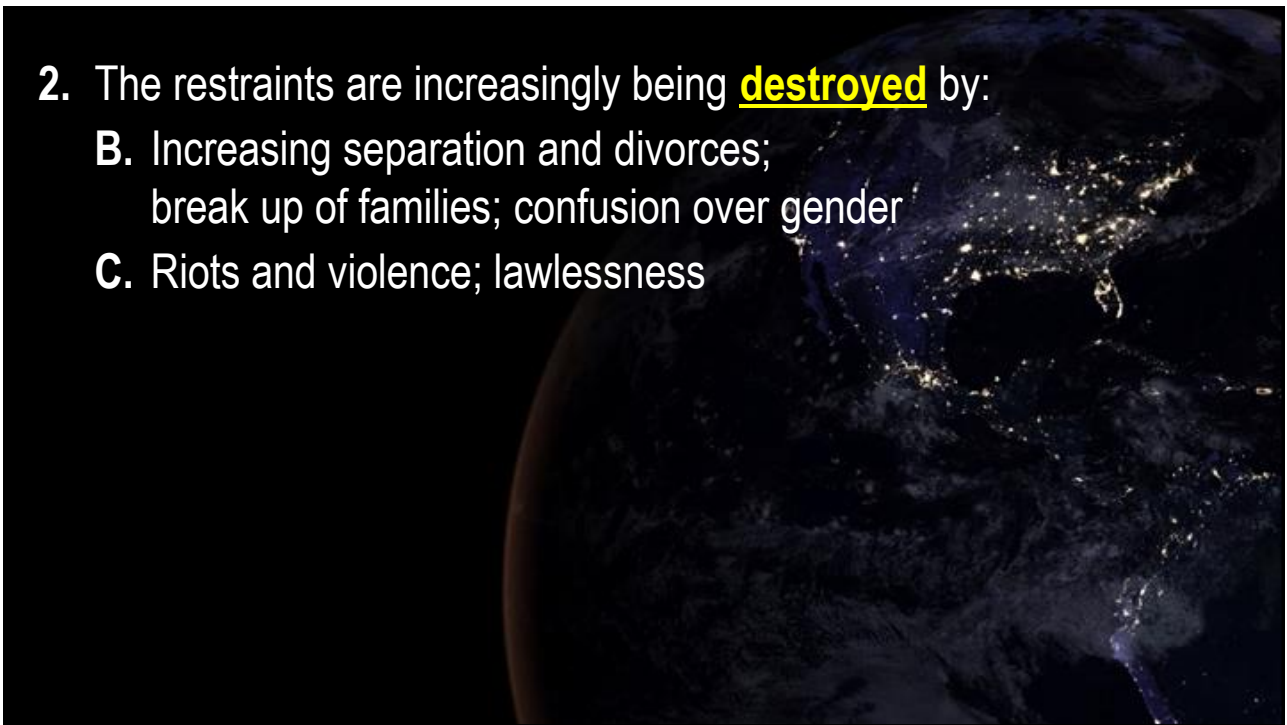
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2. The restraints are increasingly being **destroyed** by:
- A. Sexual revolution

**Romans 1:24, 26-27**

**24** Therefore God also gave them up to **uncleanness**, in the **lusts of their hearts**, to **dishonour their bodies among themselves**:

**26** For this reason God gave them up to **vile passions**. For even their **women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature**.

**27** Likewise also the **men**, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, **men with men** committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

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2. The restraints are increasingly being **destroyed** by:
- B. Increasing separation and divorces;  
break up of families; confusion over gender
  - C. Riots and violence; lawlessness

2. The restraints are increasingly being **destroyed** by:  
D. Culture in the world.

**Romans 1:28** (NKJV) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a **debased mind (reprobate mind)**, **to do those things which are not fitting**.

**Romans 1:28** (AMP) And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or consider Him worth knowing [as their Creator], God gave them over to a **depraved mind**, **to do things which are improper and repulsive**.

3. Consequently, the End-Time Church is a type of the Laodicean Church.

**Revelation 3:15-17**

**15** "I know your works, that you are **neither cold nor hot**. I could wish you were cold or hot. **16** So then, because you are **lukewarm**, and **neither cold nor hot**, I will vomit you out of My mouth. **17** **Because you say**, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and **do not know that you are wretched**, **miserable**, **poor**, **blind**, **and naked**—

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**2 Thessalonians 2:3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (Rapture) will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin (anti-Christ) is revealed, the son of perdition.

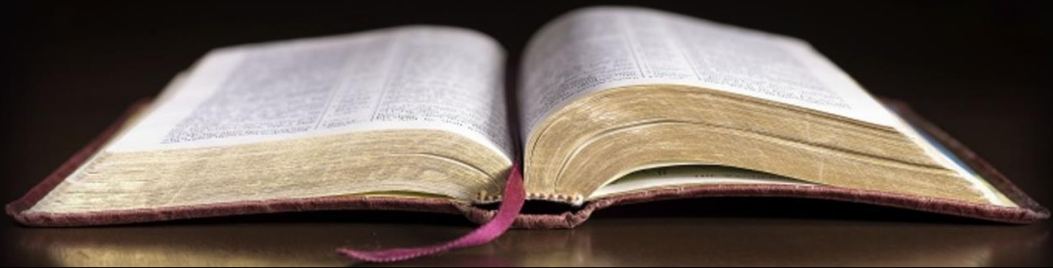
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**Matthew 24:12** And because lawlessness will abound, the love (agape) of many (believers) will grow cold.

**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some (believers) will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

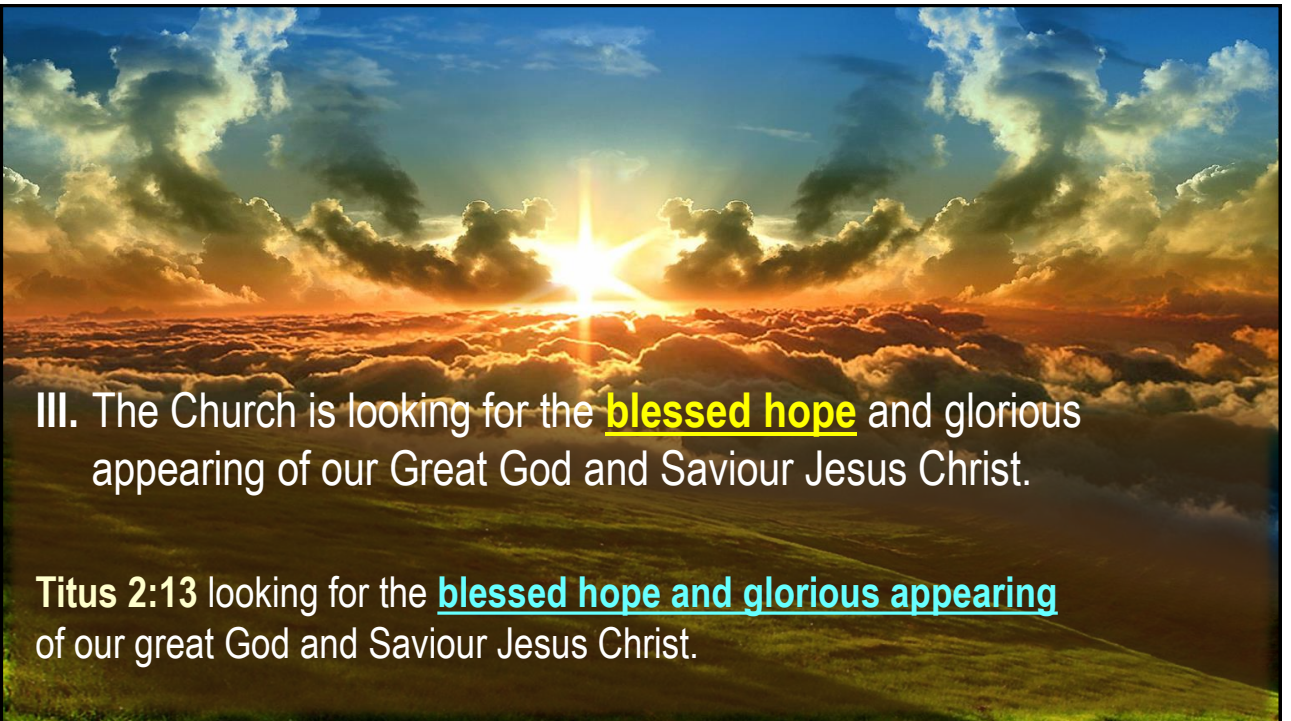


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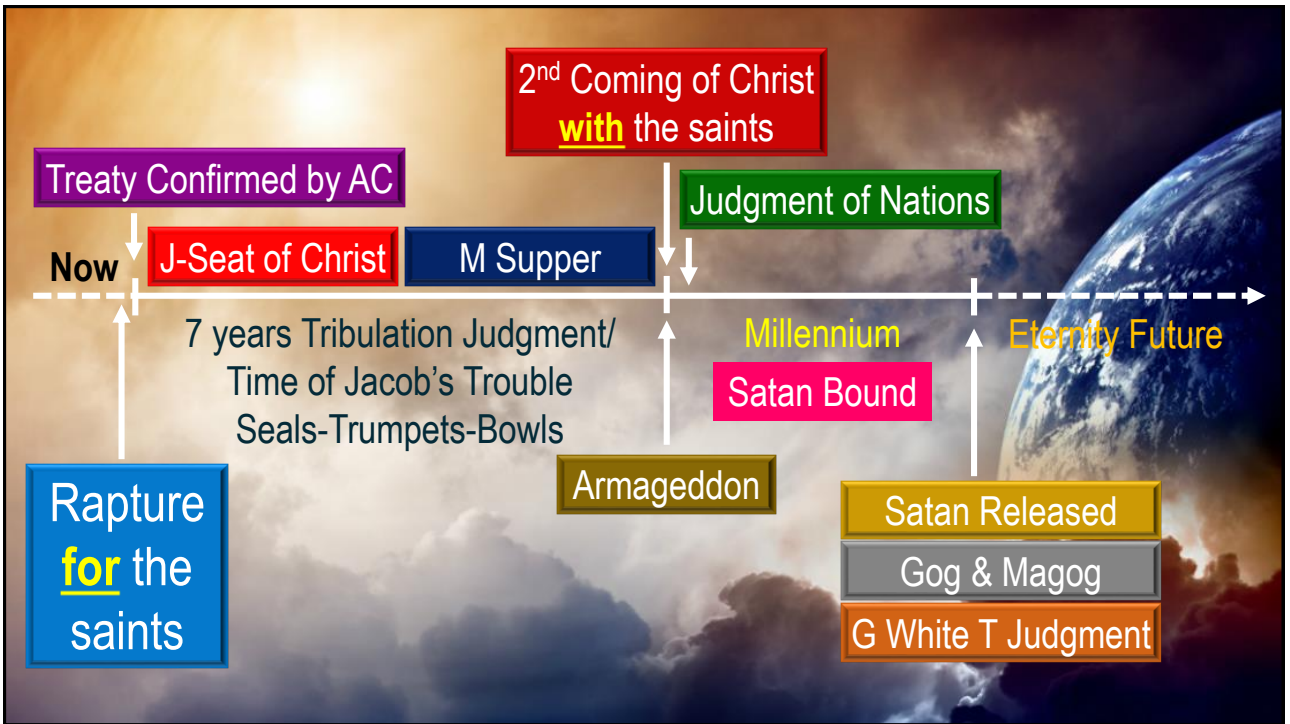


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**Titus 2:13** looking for the **blessed hope and glorious appearing** of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.







1. This blessed hope is the rapture which is imminent.

**Philippians 3:20** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**2 Timothy 4:8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2. We are told to comfort one another with the imminent rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

3. In the meanwhile, we are to live:

A. Soberly B. Righteously C. Godly

Titus 2:11-13

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness (actions) and worldly lusts (thoughts), we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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A. **Soberly** (*not easily distracted*)

1 Peter 4:7 (NKJV) But the end of all things is at hand; therefore **be serious and watchful in your prayers.**

1 Peter 4:7 (NIV) The end of all things is near. Therefore **be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.**

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



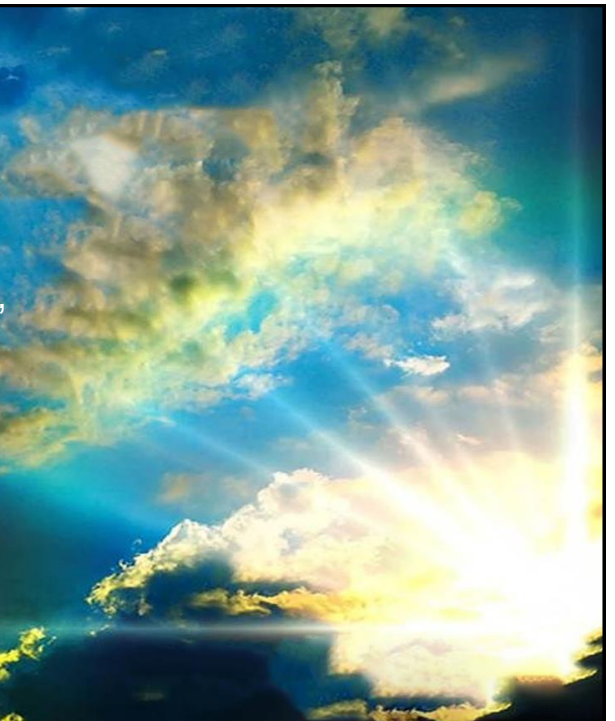
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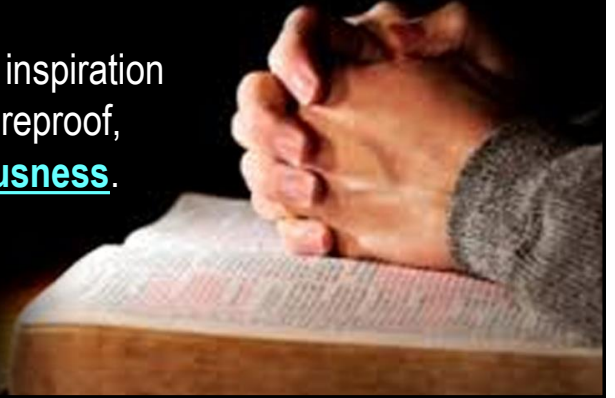


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**B. Righteously (*not unrighteous*)**

**1 Timothy 6:11** But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.



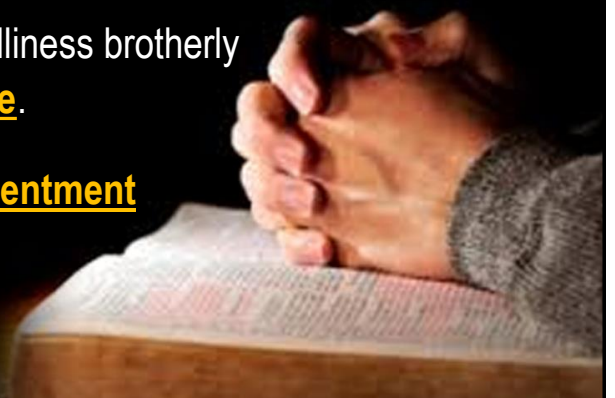
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**C. Godly (*not worldly*)**

**2 Peter 1:6-7**

**6** to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, **7** to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

**1 Timothy 6:6** Now godliness with contentment is great gain.





4. How to keep on living soberly, righteously and godly?

### **Applications:**

A. Establish **daily disciplines with God:**

- (1) Discipline of continual **Prayer**.
- (2) Discipline of **Word** intake.
- (3) Discipline of building **Altar of T, P&W**.

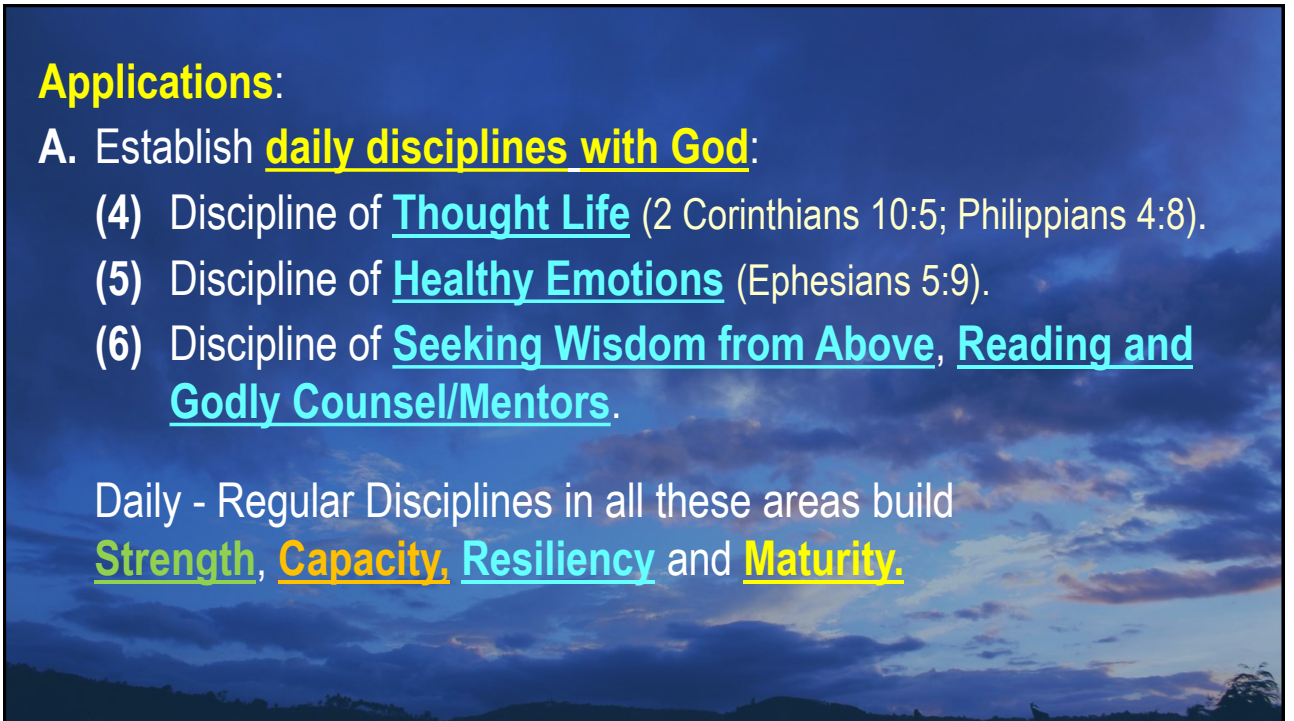


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- (4) Discipline of **Thought Life** (2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8).
- (5) Discipline of **Healthy Emotions** (Ephesians 5:9).
- (6) Discipline of **Seeking Wisdom from Above, Reading and Godly Counsel/Mentors**.

Daily - Regular Disciplines in all these areas build **Strength**, **Capacity**, **Resiliency** and **Maturity**.



## Applications:

### B. Be fully connected to the Holy Spirit.

- Worship in the Spirit
- Pray in the Spirit
- **Revelation from the Holy Spirit**
- Walk with the Holy Spirit
- Be led by the Holy Spirit
- Keep in step with the Holy Spirit
- **Live by the Spirit**

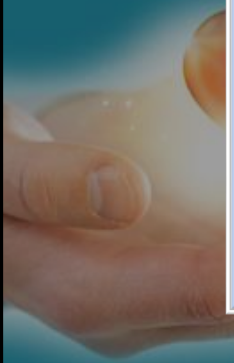


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### C. Enthusiastically serving the Lord.

**HOW?**

- remember your calling (2 Timothy 1:9; Psalm 139:16)
- know there is a day of accountability (2 Corinthians 5:10-11)
- daily build disciplines about your work and ministry
- grow relationships with bosses and mentors
- find ways to inject fun and joy, satisfaction and pleasantness in your work and ministry
- consciously know the Lord is with you always and knows all things (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 4:13)



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**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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## Bottom-line

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