

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 10 – “Comfort in His Coming”

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Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; **Supporting Text:** Mark 13:3-8

One _____ help but notice the _____ theme on the news _____: the _____ of governments; the _____ effects of earthquakes; the _____ weather patterns; the _____ left in the wake of hurricanes and other natural disasters; wildfires _____ everything in their path; and the no longer novel _____ that is at the _____ of several debates and a major _____ of _____ for many as the reports about the lives this disease has _____ continue to _____. Keen bible students point to these among other things as signs of _____ second _____, and rightly so. But often, these observations and _____ are accompanied by feelings of fear and anxiety about what lies ahead. In the midst of all this _____ how can we maintain the inner peace that Jesus promised without being indifferent to the ills around us while helping others to make their _____ and election sure? Let us open the Scriptures as we pray.

He’s Coming – Be Not Troubled

1. Why is Paul _____ the Thessalonians about Christ’s coming? *1 Thess. 5:1-2*
2. Who is Paul copying when he uses the word for _____? *v 3-4; Mt. 24:3-8*
3. Why should we be _____ to understand the signs? *Mt. 24:3; Mk. 13:3-6*
4. How does Paul encourage alertness and _____? *1 Thess. 5:5-11*
5. What is the _____ sign of Christ’s return? *Matthew 24:14*

Because we know not the exact time of His coming, we are commanded to watch. “Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.” Luke 12:37. Those who watch for the Lord’s coming are not waiting in idle expectancy. The expectation of Christ’s coming is to make men fear the Lord, and fear His judgments upon transgression. It is to awaken them to the great sin of rejecting His offers of mercy. Those who are watching for the Lord are purifying their souls by obedience to the truth. With vigilant watching they combine earnest working. Because they know that the Lord is at the door, their zeal is quickened to co-operate with the divine intelligences in working for the salvation of souls. These are the faithful and wise servants who give to the Lord’s household “their portion of meat in due season.”

The Desire of Ages, p. 634

May you remain assured & confident in Christ as His coming approaches!