

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 15 – “His Appearing”

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Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:7&8

In the early to mid 1800s, a movement which became known as the Great Second _____ swept _____ the world with the largest gathering of Christian believers right here in _____. Many were _____ the return of Christ on October 22, 1844, and gave up _____ they had. When Christ did not return, their expectancy turned to _____ and was later dubbed the Great Disappointment. Some began to doubt the Scriptures, while others chose to _____ to God in their dilemma. God heard their cry and blessed them with _____ from His Word that rekindled their hope and quickened their faith in Christ’s return. From the group that continued to study was born the Seventh-day _____ church nearly 20 years later. But where are we today after 177 years? Do we love to talk about His _____ or is it a subject that fills us with _____? Do we understand the manner of His coming and are we being _____ for Him to those who haven’t heard? May we _____ this subject with open hearts as we study.

Understanding His Appearing

1. How did Christ seek to calm the _____ of his disciple? *Matthew 24:3-6*
2. From where will Christ _____ as He approaches earth? *Matthew 24:27*
3. What stellar body of _____ holds the pathway of Christ? *Job 38:31*
4. What events will _____ the arrival of Christ? (*Various verses on Screen*)
5. What precious _____ shall be given to those who love His appearing? *2 Tim. 4:8*

The apostle calls our attention to the care and diligence which were required to secure the victory in these ancient games. He exhorts all who start in the Christian race to give all diligence to make success certain, while he presents before them for their encouragement the crown of glory which the righteous Judge will award to all who are faithful to the end of the race.... This crown is not a perishable chaplet of flowers, but the glorious crown of everlasting life, which awaits all who, having completed the Christian race, love the appearing of our Lord.

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May we look for and be ready for His soon glorious appearing!