

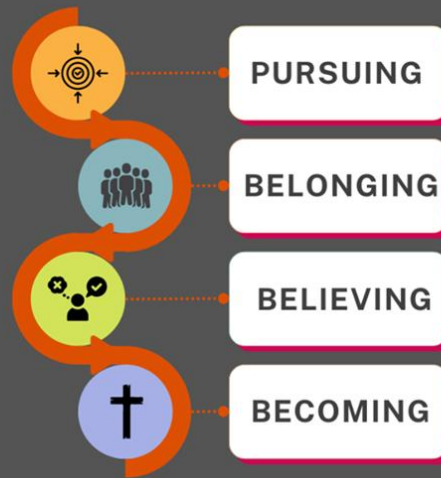
End Times

Christian Knowledge & Living

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MY NEXT STEPS



PURSUIT CHURCH

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Christian Knowledge

This is about knowing what God has revealed to us about who he is and what is important to him and how he revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

Christian Living

This is about how we are to respond to God's presence in our lives. How to know him, pray, use his word, and worship him

Growth in Christ

Christian Training

This is about the how to's: How can I share the gospel with others?; How can I be hospitable? The answers to these questions will change as culture changes, but, we need to "be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is us" when God gives the opportunity.

Christian Serving

This is about serving and doing and practicing what we have learned. It is about how do we work together in the church to do God's will.

CHRIST WILL RETURN

The promise of Christ return is meant to be a comfort to Christians in all times. It seemed odd to the disciples when he hadn't left yet, but for those of us who have never lived with Jesus, it is meant to be an expectation and a hope.

JOHN 14:1–3 (ESV)

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

ACTS 1:9–11 (ESV)

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

1 THESSALONIANS 4:15–18 (ESV)

¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

MATTHEW 24:44 (ESV)

⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Discuss (one)

- How were Jesus words to the disciples reassuring? (John 14)
- How were Paul's words meant to encourage? (1 Thess 4:15ff)
- What does it mean to be ready? (Matt 24:44)

“Do Christians in fact eagerly long for Christ’s return? The more Christians are caught up in enjoying the good things of this life, and the more they neglect genuine Christian fellowship and their personal relationship with Christ, the less they will long for his return.”

- Dr. Wayne Grudem, p 1345, Systematic Theology

THE TIMING OF THE RETURN

There are many events that have been foretold as occurring before Christ returns.

MARK 13:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

MARK 13:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. ²⁰ And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

MARK 13:22–23 (ESV)

²² For **false christs and false prophets will arise** and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. ²³ But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

MARK 13:24–26 (ESV)

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,** ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1,3-4 (ESV)

¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, **unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,** ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Luke 21:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

The question is, how to understand and respond to these signs. It seems to some that some of the event may have already occurred when Jerusalem was sacked in AD 70 by the Romans. Not a stone was left upon the other...

But others clearly have not yet occurred. So do we decide that since we are not seeing those signs now, that Jesus cannot be coming soon? No. The remaining signs could occur rapidly in a matter of months perhaps. **In any case the Bible tells us to be ready.**

READ

Revelation 20:1–6 (ESV)

Certain people came to life reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until a thousand years were ended.

Amillennial – There is no millennium, just the church age. Christ will return at the end of the age. Satan is bound and exerts less influence.

He [Paul] lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. (Acts 28:30-31).

DISCUSS

Is there evidence that Satan is bound in our age? What counter-evidence is there in the Bible?

Post Millennial – The millennium will come gradually.
Christ will return after.

Pre Millennial – Christ will return before it and will
reign with certain believers for a millennium.



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Date	Done	Step	Topic	Description	Resource	Teacher
1/5/25		1	Assurance of Forgiveness	God does forgive us completely	Growing in Christ, Ch 4	Dave Baker
1/12/25		2	Assurance of Guidance	God will give us the guidance we need	Growing in Christ, Ch 5	Tony Guzman
1/19/25		3	Who is the Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts	Joint session		Isaac Tuckey
		4	Action Step			
1/26/25		5	End Times		Christian Beliefs Ch 18 & 19	Dave Baker
2/2/25			Break			
2/9/25		6	Christian Living: Christ First		Growing in Christ, Ch 6	Vic Rosenbaum
2/16/25		7	Christian Living: His Strength		Growing in Christ, Ch 7	Emiliano Romero
2/23/25		8	Christian Living: His Word		Growing in Christ, Ch 8	Steve Shenk
3/2/25		9	Christian Living: Love		Growing in Christ, Ch 9	Tony Guzman
3/9/25		10	Action Step			
			Break			
3/16/25		11	Christian Living: Giving	Joint session	Growing in Christ, Ch 10	Dave Baker
			UCF Spring Break			
3/23/25		12	Christian Living: Church		Growing in Christ, Ch 11	Vic Rosenbaum
3/30/25		13	Christian Living: Works		Growing in Christ, Ch 12	Isaac Tuckey
4/6/25		14	Christian Living: Witnessing		Growing in Christ, Ch 13	Jeffrey Crews