



Adult EQUIP Study – Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Is the pandemic a sign of the end of times?

April 29, 2020 - Mark 13:24-31

REMEMBER LAST WEEK: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 – a call to return to God in humble, repentant prayer

Lifeway Survey of 1,000 Pastors in 2019 Centered Around Two Passages:

1st The Great Commission (Matthew 28:28-20)

Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2nd The Great Completion (Matthew 24:14)

This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Survey Says:

- Can we speed up the return of Christ by sharing the Gospel to the ends of the earth? 12% say yes (1 in 8)
- Does the unrest in the middle east have anything to do with end times? 32% say yes
- Could a military strike by the US on Syria cause Armageddon? 28% say yes
- Do you believe the world will come to an end in your lifetime? 20% say yes
- Do you believe immorality will increase until Jesus comes? 68% say yes

Reminders About Prophetic/Apocalyptic Literature In The Bible (Alistair Begg)

1. Events are further away than they seem to be
2. Prophetic literature often has a present and future application
I have been saved from sin's penalty. I am being saved from sin's power. I will be saved from sin's presence.
The end has come. The end is coming. The end will come.

STUDY OF MARK 13:24-31

1. Jesus will return, judge the world, and gather the elect – 13:24-27

A reflection on Isaiah 30:6-10 and Ezekiel 32:7-8

- There is an end to God's patience.

How do we respond to all of this? (Matthew 10:26-31)

- 1) Do not fear those who hate us because we love God – v.26
- 2) Do not compromise the Gospel because of what they will do to us for it – v.27
- 3) Do not fear them, but rather fear Him – v.28
- 4) His character tells you (believer) how to fear Him – v.29-30

Then Jesus will come, when God pours out his wrath.

Reflect on Daniel 7:13-14

Reflect on Mark 10:45

➤ The one who came to save will come to conquer and to judge.

The people who read this passage, lived with that understanding of Jesus.

v.27 – We will be gathered from our scattering.

2. The certainty of Jesus' coming and the uncertainty of its timing – 13:28-37

The certainty – v.28-31

The uncertainty – v.32-37

“the day” – the day of the Lord

Amos 5:18-20

2 Pet. 3:10; 1 Cor. 5:5

Philippians 1:6

Our Response Should Be:

1. Be alert – why?

You don't know when

How you live determines the quality of how you live

You have a job to do and will be accountable for it

2. Be alert to proclaim his sure coming.