

Believe

Guarding the Gospel Through Sound Doctrine

ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES WE MUST BELIEVE:

7. THE DOCTRINE OF THE END TIMES

"Time, as we know it, will come to an end. Our Savior will set up His Kingdom and only those that know Him here will be with Him then and there."

— Psalm 27:4

The desire to be with Him... in His presence... There will be a day!!!

The theological word is **eschatology**. **Eschatos** is a Greek word for last, end, final.

While the Bible includes many important themes, the Kingdom of God should be considered the grand, overarching theme of Scripture. Eschatology is the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.



I. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! HE PROMISED.

John 14:1-3

Jesus did not say He might come back. He promised that He would. The return of Christ is not merely a theological opinion. It is a biblical promise from Jesus, Himself. Acts 1:11 reminds us that the same Jesus who ascended into heaven will come again. Jesus is coming again. He promised. Your future is not ultimately determined by what happens in the world around you. Your future is determined by the promise of Jesus Christ.



II. JESUS WINS! THE BIBLE PROMISES.

Revelation 19:1-16

We must never confuse what appears to be happening now with how the story ends. Our Savior is not a defeated Savior. He is not waiting to see how history turns out. He already knows how history ends. And He is sovereignly working all things toward its predicted end. So don't look at the world and think God has lost control. He hasn't. The King is coming!



III. ARE YOU READY? YOU CAN BE. HE PROMISES.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Death does not have the final word for the believer. Paul teaches that when Christ returns, those who have died in Christ will be raised, and believers who are alive will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord. Then comes one of the most encouraging promises in Scripture... we will be with the Lord forever. Heaven is wonderful because Jesus is there. Our greatest hope is not simply a street of gold or freedom from pain or even a home in the Father's house. Our greatest hope is Jesus... the presence of our Savior.



IV. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN— SO WE MUST ALWAYS BE READY.

Matthew 25:1-27

Jesus told the parable of the ten virgins. Five were prepared and five were not. All ten were waiting for the bridegroom. All ten knew he was coming. All ten expected him to come. But only five were ready. The parable of the talents teaches how to be ready... by staying busy and productive.

Being ready for Christ's return is not about knowing the date. It is about knowing the Savior and lovingly serving Him as Master.

Our only hope is Jesus Christ. He died for our sins. He was buried. He rose again. Everyone who repents of sin and places their faith in Christ alone can be saved.

Are you ready? You can be. He promises.

Matthew 24:42

Jesus tells us to keep watch because we don't know when our Lord will come. No one knows the day or the hour... He is coming soon. He is not slack in keeping His promises. Jesus never told us to predict the date. He told us to be ready... today... whether He comes or not.



V. THE END TIMES MUST CHANGE HOW WE LIVE TODAY.

The doctrine of the end times is not simply information about tomorrow. It is motivation for today.

We don't know everything that will happen before Jesus returns. We don't know exactly how every prophetic passage will unfold. But we know the One who holds the future. And that is enough.

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