

# Experiencing God's Purpose Together

## "What About the Future?"

Matthew 24:30-31

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- The failure to \_\_\_\_\_ from the past and the inability to \_\_\_\_\_ for the future are decided deficiencies that hinder \_\_\_\_\_ living in the present.
- God's gospel-His gracious purpose to \_\_\_\_\_ a people for Himself in Jesus Christ-will be brought to fulfillment by the Lord Himself at the end of the age when Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to this earth in glory.

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:9-11

I Thessalonians 4:15-17

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ return. I Thessalonians 4:16
- b. A \_\_\_\_\_ return.  
Acts 1:11                      Philipines 3:20-21
- c. A \_\_\_\_\_ return. Revelation 20:1-10

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's return.

- a. Known only to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 24:42                      I Thessalonians 5:2
- b. Christ's return demands constant \_\_\_\_\_.  
I Thessalonians 5:3-6

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's return.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_. Titus 2:11-14
- b. \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 9:27-28

## FURTHER STUDY

1. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear God is going to judge the world?  
⇒ ... judge you?  
⇒ How have you explained the return of Christ to others?  
⇒ What have you focused on in your discussion?
2. The Bible speaks about judgment for all individuals. How does the Bible describe the reality and consequences of God's judgment in each of the following verses?  
  
Matthew 13:42                      Matthew 25:41,46  
2 Thessalonians 1:9-10                      Revelation 14:9-12  
  
⇒ Because of the severity of the biblical descriptions of judgment and hell, some people question how it fits in with God's love. How do you reconcile God's love with the truth that he will also judge people?  
  
⇒ How do you respond to the person who says "we need to focus on the love and grace of God and not the discussion of the blood of Christ, the cross and judgment?"
3. How do the following verses help you understand what it means to have a healthy fear of God as opposed to a fear that paralyzes us or causes us to live in worry or dread?  
  
Proverbs 16:6                      Proverbs 1:32-33                      Jeremiah 32:39-40
4. How does I Peter 4:7-11 help us to know how to live today in the context of eternity?