

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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In the past century, the human family has experienced the worst suffering ever. Millions were murdered during the holocaust. Over 100 million have been slaughtered in wars.

Today, crime and violence are rampant, drug abuse is epidemic, and sexually transmitted diseases continue to spread. There are millions who die each year of hunger and disease. And, family life and moral values have broken down everywhere. My friend, no government has the answers to these problems.

The Bible, God's Holy Word, has this to say about the days in which we live. These are not my words but God's - exactly how He wrote them.

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.” [2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)

“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” [Luke 21:25-28](#)

*“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that **it is near - at the doors!** Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.”* [Matthew 24:32-34](#)

In 1993, I had the privilege of traveling to the Holy Land with Dr. Adrian Rogers. We were walking down Palm Sunday Road one day and I asked Dr. Rogers about this verse mentioned above, [Matthew 24:32-34](#).

I asked him if we were the generation that would see Jesus return. This is how he answered me, *"I think so Chris, I believe the generation that saw Israel become a nation again in 1948 will not pass away until they see Jesus come again."*

My friend, Jesus is coming again and Christians are to be longing for His return. But, in our day when this subject is mentioned insecure people try to explain it away.

".... Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.' " [2 Peter 3:3-4](#)

It is so easy to see how Jesus is coming like a thief in the night, people are afraid to look at the signs and simply say, *"It must be near."*

"For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night."
[1 Thessalonians 5:2](#)

Now, what are we to do in light of the soon return of Jesus Christ? Keep drawing near to Him, listen to Him, and know that He is God. Walk in the Spirit, which simply means let Him be President in your life, instead of just resident. Obey immediately the moment-by-moment promptings of the Holy Spirit. Say a word for Jesus wherever you are. Look for opportunities to disciple other people and encourage others to do the same. Remember, Jesus said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...."* [Matthew 28:19\(a\)](#)

My friend let me encourage you in these troubled times. Nothing can change God's love for you and nothing can take Him by surprise. **"You are in Christ and Christ is in you."** You can look into the future and smile because you know the One who holds the future.

You need to practice seeing things from God's eternal perspective. This is the only answer my friend. Don't look around to see what others are doing. Remember [Galatians 2:20](#), and purpose in your heart, **"It is no longer I but Christ!"**

Please be in prayer as I prepare to preach my next two revivals in Arkansas and Mississippi. Thank you for helping me. I am truly grateful!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3