

What If Jesus Had Returned Yesterday?

The title of this article is a question of no little importance. And when we reflect upon Jesus' own words that "many" will choose to walk the way of eternal destruction and that "few" will ultimately make it to the gates of Heaven (cf. **Matthew 7:13-14**), this question becomes even richer in significance. While our busy schedules might often prevent us from doing so, we should actually reflect upon His return every day! Could it be that the Lord has chosen tomorrow as the day of His return? If that be the case, in what condition will you find yourself to be in the day after tomorrow? We all need to live every day as if we actually had access to information that told us that Jesus' return was imminent; that it could occur at any moment "in the twinkling of an eye." But it is most interesting to consider the fact that in a very real way, that is actually true. We know that Jesus promised us that He would return, and we know that we are closer to that day than any day that has yet dawned upon this earth; but we also know that this very day could be that day!

The world is nearly 2000 years closer to His return than it was during His earthly walk when He often spoke of that fateful day involving His impending return. "Watch" was the word of caution that Jesus often used when He spoke of that inevitable day of His assured return.

May we all be living our lives as if we knew for a guaranteed fact that tomorrow would be that final day of mankind's existence in this rapidly passing world.

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (**Matthew 25:13**).

Milton Smith
Hooker, OK
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Pray for our
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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

February 13, 2022

Watch Out! You May be the Cause of Division!

Are you a person that just likes to argue? God warns us to be on guard against such behavior. "But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned." (**Titus 3:9-11**)

Are you too concerned with worldly things instead of keeping your focus on the spiritual? "Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?" (**1 Corinthians 3:1-3**)

Is what I say and teach the truth? "But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute." (**2 Peter 2:1-2**)

God tells us the kind of people we should be and warns us to leave earthly concerns behind us. "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." (**James 3:13-17**)

We must be honest and willing to examine ourselves to make sure that what we are doing and saying does not cause division among the brethren. God calls us to be a people who are "pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."
~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

- **1 Corinthians 13:4, 5 (NIV)**

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HEART-TO-HEART

Fern Baker had to go to the ER Friday due to a kidney stone.

Pam Beard and Mandy Tolbert as they recover from surgery.

Let's pray for Janice Wright. She responded to the invitation last week asking for prayers, rededicating herself to the Lord.

The family of Jacqueline Johnston (John Ashcraft's sister) who passed away last week.

Larry and Clara Pasley have Covid but are already recovering well.

David Ray is in the ICU in Hot Springs with Covid. Please also remember Loyce in your prayers as well.

Sissy Tucker had a stent put in on Monday and is now recovering at home.

Tonight will be our Second Sunday Singing followed by the Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship.

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 19th at 6AM in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

-Singing at 5:00 with Birthday/Anniv. Fellowship following

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Fern Baker...Linda Bates...Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Ryan Halbert... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Family of Dietra Bailey... Remington Barnett... Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks...Naomi Burrow...Kathryn Burton... Candice Carter... Alli Cooper...Niylah Jacobs...Tina Jarvius...Johnny Jeter...Deane Johnson...the family of Jacqueline Johnston...Shirley Majors... Kathryn McDonough... Skylar McDougald... Kent Measal...Austin & Andrea Oesch...Larry and Clara Pasley...David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Janice Sawyer... the family of Homer Shirey... Katie Strickland... Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... William Woods... Sue Woodward...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Today! 13 Tom Weaver
- 16 Emily Thompson
- 17 Chris Bryant
- Kerry & Becky Rice
- 18 Ryan Halbert
- 21 Dana Hughes
- Samantha Tannehill
- 22 Paula Wilson
- 25 Anna Koonce
- 26 Jimmy & LaVerne Potter
- 27 Parks Michael Beard

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 14 Numbers 17-19
- 15 Numbers 20-22
- 16 Numbers 23-25
- 17 Numbers 26-28
- 18 Numbers 29-31
- 19 Numbers 32-34
- 20 Numbers 35-36



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

Former Harding University professor and author, Eddie Cloer, will be our guest speaker for Sunday morning service on February 20th.

As part of our minister search, Josh Walker of Memphis, Tennessee will be our guest speaker on February 27th. More details will be announced as we get closer to that date.

All Ladies are invited to the Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Best Choice labels can still be put in the box in room 134. The redemption proceeds will go to the Paragould Children's Home.

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"

Psalm 8:1-4

Attendance

Bible Class 88
Sunday AM Worship... 103
Sunday PM Worship 72
Wed. Evening 81
Contribution \$7,808

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Feb 27 Jamie Beard
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Ladies February Duties

Cards: Barbara Dyson
Food: Sandra Baker
Lindsey Baker