

Fear, Faith and the Future

Message 2, “Jesus Is Coming Soon”

John 14:1-3; Matthew 24:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-53;
1 John 3:1-3; Romans 13:11-14

Memorize

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3

Open.

Share something you have done or accomplished that required endurance and perseverance.

Study.

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you? What questions do you have?

Read John 14:1-3. What specific promise did Jesus make to his disciples?

Read Matthew 14:1-14. What ten signs did Jesus say would mark the end of the age? Which have already occurred?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What specific concern among the Thessalonian believers prompted Paul's teaching on the rapture of the church?

What did Paul say they should do with this teaching? Why?

Compare this passage with Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 15:50-53. What parallels do you see?

Read 1 John 3:1-3. What fundamental change will take place at the moment that we see Jesus?

The appearing of Christ has been called “the purifying hope of the church”? Why and how is this true?

Since we know that only Christ can purify our souls of sin, what might it mean for us to purify ourselves in anticipation of seeing Jesus face to face?

Read Romans 13:11-14. In verse 11, to what reality does Paul want us to “wake up”? Why?

What does he want us to “cast off”? What does this mean?

In verses 12 and 14, what does he want us to “put on”? Are they two ways of saying the same thing? Why or why not? How do we do this?

Jesus is coming soon. Will you be ready? What fundamental decisions do you personally need to make? What do you need to cast off? What do you need to put on? What questions do you have?