

MESSAGE #1 – Our attitude towards the Lord’s return.

- We are moving ever closer to the end of the age.
- Prophecy consists of 27% of the Biblical text. The truth of the Lord’s return is not a peripheral matter. It is a major doctrine of the faith.
- Christ’s return should be a powerful motivating force in our Christian lives. It was in the early church, but this waned starting in the second century. We can and should recapture this force in our lives.
- Objectives of this weekend fellowship: 1) To bring Christ’s return into focus, moving it from the realm of doctrine into the realm of our hearts’ desires, longings, motivations and daily decision making. 2) To give us some reminders, and some new info, on how to be spiritually ready for Jesus’ return, so that we may be approved at His Judgment Seat. 3) To stir each of us to have “prayer transactions” with the Lord over this matter, both during this weekend and in our lives in the future.

- *Verses showing the normative heart attitudes of believers towards the Lord’s return:*

Titus 2:12-13; 1 John 3:1-3; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 9:28; 1 Cor. 1:7; 2 Pet. 3:12-14; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; 1Thess. 1:9-10

What can we honestly say about how our attitudes measure up to these normative ones?

- Jesus’ words showing our need to watch and be ready for His return

Luke 12:35-48

Mark 13:32-37