

GOD WITH US



Key Scripture: Luke 21:5-28

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SIGNS OF THE TIME

The fundamentals of the end times:

- 1) Keep watch and stay ready.**
- 2) Bear witness about God not about the world.**

Acts 1:8 ... "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- 3) Trust God with our lives.**

John 11:25–26 ... "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?""

- 4) Live with confidence in God's victory.**

Am I being a better witness to the problems of the world or the power of God?

Further Study

1. In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Paul exhorts the church to “keep awake” and reminds them, “you are not in darkness for that day to surprise you”. In what ways are you keeping watch and preparing for the second coming of Jesus and the challenges that precede it? (Think spiritually)
2. What does it look like to be a witness to the power of God during the problems the world faces?

Scripture to Pray

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness."

From the Resources

“Jesus says that Christians will get arrested so that they can witness to jailers and judges and governors. We may not like God's strategy to sprinkle his salt in the tough places of the empire, but he is wiser than we are. And it is clearly his will that we be constantly ready to witness to his grace and glory, even though he goes on to say, ‘Some of you they will kill.’”

- John Piper
- Sermon: May 3, 1987