

Do we believe we are going to die, and that the Lord is going to return, which ever comes first?

Hebrews 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.(KJV)

2 Pet 3:1-9

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and **of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour**:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 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 the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Do we believe that our lifestyles will determine whether we go to Heaven or Hell?

Eccl 12:14

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with **every secret thing**, whether **it be good**, or whether **it be evil**.(KJV)

John 5:29

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.(KJV)

2 Cor 5:10-11

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, **whether it be good or bad**.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest **in your consciences**.(KJV)

Heb 10:30-31

30 For we know him that hath said, **Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord.** And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31 **It is a fearful thing** to fall into the hands of the living God.(KJV)

If yes is the answer to the previous questions, then according to the way we are living, we must know when.

2 Pet 3:10-12

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?(KJV)

Seeing that we don't know when, then we must start working on living Christ (in words, thoughts, deeds, traditions, and in appearances), so that death is gain.

Phil 1:20-21

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 **For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**(KJV)

Phil 1:23-24

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, **having a desire to depart**, and to be with Christ; **which is far better:**

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.(KJV)

Phil 1:27

27 Only let your **(1)conversation** be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, **with one mind** striving together **for the faith of the gospel;**(KJV)

Definition: (1)Conversation- 4176 politeuomai middle voice of a derivative of 4177; **to behave as a citizen** (figuratively): KJV-- **let conversation be, live.**

We must work on all of our short-comings (sins), as we work toward perfection.

Rom 12:16

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. (KJV)

2 Cor 6:14-18:7:1

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,** and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

CHAPTER 7

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.(KJV)

2 Cor 10:7-10

7 **Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?** If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; **but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.**(KJV)

Eph 4:12

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (KJV)

Phil 3:12

12 Not as though I had already attained, either **were already perfect: but I follow after,** if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.(KJV)

Phil 3:17-20

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, **that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, **who mind earthly things.**)

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:(KJV)

Col 1:28-29

28 Whom we preach, **warning every man,** and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we

may present every man **(1)perfect in Christ Jesus:**

29 Whereunto I also **labour, striving according to his working**, which worketh in me mightily.(KJV)

Definition: (1)Perfect 5046 teleios (tel'-i-os);
from 5056; complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.);
neuter (as noun, with 3588) completeness: KJV-- of full age, man, perfect.

Col 2:2-10

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk ye in him:**

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:(KJV)

II Th 3:3-6 (see also 2Thes.2:13-15)

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.(KJV)

James 1:21-22

21 Wherefore **lay apart all filthiness** and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.(KJV)

1 Pet 4:1-2

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for **he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;**

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.(KJV)

1 Pet 5:8-10

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect**, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

We submit as one striving to be a true Christian, we must work on changing **all**, none Christ-like things (sins) that are done. Those things that are done publicly might take priority because, these are the things that are seen; and are the light that is shown in us. In other words, what you see is what you get, actions speak louder than words, the proof is in the pudding, look like a duck, quack like a duck, walk like a duck, it's more than likely a duck.

Eph 3:20-21

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

1 Pet 5:10-11

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(KJV)