



Eagerly live for Christ's return

1. The Path to God's Blessing
2. The Pending Judgment of Christ

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Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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"Notice that these "Let the" statements are imperatives, not indicatives. They are commands to act a certain way, not statements about how people are acting. In a surprising and paradoxical way, this command for people to act according to their nature establishes human responsibility. Reality has been made known, and now in light of reality, people are commanded to do what they want to do on the basis of who they are."

-Jim Hamilton

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Question 52: What comfort is it to you this morning that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

A: "In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me."

-Heidelberg Catechism

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"Now, I'm thirty something with two kids living a more or less ordinary life. And what I'm slowly realizing is that for me being in the house all day with a baby and a two year old is a lot more scary and a lot harder than being in a war-torn African village. What I need courage for is the ordinary, the daily every-dayness of life. Giving away clothes and seeking out edgy Christian communities requires less of me than being kind to my husband on an average Wednesday morning or calling my mother back when I don't feel like it."

-Tish Harrison Warren



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“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay.”

-Charles Spurgeon

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“The Day of the Lord is either approaching or it is not. If it is not there is no cause for adjournment. And if the Lord is returning, I, for one choose to be found doing my duty. I therefore ask that candles be brought.”

-Speaker of the 1780 Connecticut House of Representatives