



**1 Timothy 6:14-15a**  
**Living in Light of Christ's Imminent Intervention**

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**Christ's Imminent Intervention**

**1 Timothy 6:14**

...that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...

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**Paul Uses Language of the Day**

- **Epiphaneia** (appearing) was used in Greek culture generically for something formerly hidden that was made visible.
- People in Asia Minor would have associated "**epiphaneia**" with the idea of Caesar Augustus intervening militarily to bring about the *pax Romana*.

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**Living Between the Epiphany's**

***Epiphaneia used for Christ's first advent:***

**2 Timothy 1:10**

but now has been revealed by **the appearing** of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...

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## Living Between the Epiphany

*Epiphaneia used for Christ's second advent:*

### **Titus 2:13**

looking for the blessed hope and **the appearing** of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

## Christ Comes at the Ordained Time

### **1 Timothy 6:15a**

which He will bring about at the **proper time**..

**Chronos:** chronological time

**Kairos:** the significant moment

## Applications

1. Christ's future "appearing" is an imminent reality.
2. Believers in Christ are motivated to live godly lives in light of Christ's imminent intervention.

## Christ's Appearing Is Imminent

### **Philippians 4:5**

Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. **The Lord is near.**

### **James 5:7-8**

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. **8** You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for **the coming of the Lord is near...**

## The Three Buckets Being Filled

### *Filling of Christ's Afflictions:*

#### **Colossians 1:24**

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, **in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.**

## The Three Buckets Being Filled

### *Filling up of the elect:*

#### **Acts 3:19-21**

Therefore repent and return, **so that** your sins may be wiped away, **in order that** times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; **20 and that** **(He may send Jesus)** the Christ appointed for you, **21** whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things...

## The Three Buckets Being Filled

### *Filling up of iniquity:*

#### **Genesis 15:16**

Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for **the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.**

#### **Matthew 23:31-32**

So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. **32 Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers.**

## Motivation for Godly Living

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:4-6**

But **you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;** **5** for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; **6** so then let us not sleep as others do, but **let us be alert and sober.**