

**End Times: Info To Know
Living In The Last Days – Part 3
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Acts 2:17a (NIV) *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people.”*

Paul Urged the Believers

1. To move from sinfulness to sanctification.

**Justification is the initial moment when your sins are forgiven.
It's “just-as-if” you never sinned.**

Romans 3:23-24 (NIV) *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

Sanctification is the lifelong process of becoming like Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NIV) *“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 (NIV) *“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable,⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.”*

Be holy and wholly set apart for God.

2. To move from confusion to clarity.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NIV) *“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (NIV) *“According to the **Lord’s Word**, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.”*

harpazo: to rescue, to snap suddenly, to carry away suddenly

Matthew 24:30-31 (NIV) “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

1 Corinthians 15:50-55 (NIV) “I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Matthew 24:36 (NIV) “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

Acts 1:7 (NIV) “He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority.’”

3. To move from passivity to readiness.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NIV) “Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety,’ destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.”

Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV) “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the **Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.**”

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 (NLT) “But you aren’t in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won’t be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don’t belong to darkness and night. ⁶ So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.”

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

**What would I change if I really believed
Jesus could return at any moment?**