

# CHURCH

## The Blessed Hope

Believers can live in this **present age** with the **blessed hope** of Christ's return. *Titus 2:11-13*  
*Without a blessed hope we would have to find all our hope in this present age.*  
*How does humanity attempt to do this? How does it fail us?*

The focus of the end times...

...is **not** knowing every detail! Acts 1:6-7, 11

...it's being filled with the Holy Spirit and looking to Jesus! Acts 1:4-5, 8, 11

### Matthew 24:29-31

#### WHEN? (Timing)

- Jesus will return **after** signs and tribulation. (v29)
- Jesus will come **before** the millennium. *Revelation 19 & 20*
- Prophecy places us in the time of the end. *Daniel 2*
- Signs are being fulfilled. *Matthew 24*
- Jesus will come like a thief in the night.  
*Matthew 24:43; Revelation 16:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6; 2 Peter 3:10*

#### HOW? (Manner)

- Emotional- "Mourn" (v30)
  - Death- *Revelation 6:14-16; 19:21; Thess. 2:8*
  - Destruction- *2 Peter 3:7, 10; Revelation 16:18-20*
  - People will rejoice- *Revelation 19:7; Isaiah 25:9*
- Literal & Physical  
 "We will **see** the Son of Man coming in the **clouds** (v30)  
*Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:23-27; 1 Thess. 4:16; Acts 1:11*
- "He will come with great power and glory" (v30)
- "He will come with a trumpet blast" (v 31) *1 Thessalonians 4:16*
- "He will send out His angels" (v31)

#### WHY? (Reason)

For God to be with His people! "He will gather the elect" (v31)

- We will be with the Lord forever. *1 Thessalonians 4:17*
- The second coming fulfills a love promise in a spiritual wedding context. *John 14:1-3*