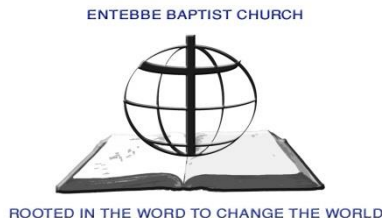


**Our Vision:** To be a growing, loving, caring, and holistic church based on the word of God.



**Our Mission:** To be rooted in the Word to change the World

## Bible Study August 22-05 September 2021

**Theme of the year:** "Victory only through Faith and Obedience"

**Theme:** HE IS COMING – Are we ready?

**Christians are *never to be caught unawares*.** They are never to put on their smoking jacket or the lounging robe while it is dark and the call of the trumpet is expected. The only safety for anyone is the blood. While the call of God may come at any minute to take us out of this Egypt we call the world, you and I cannot afford to be careless. Instead of letting the cross keep us always on the alert and ready to go, we have painted the cross and reshaped it, and geared it in with the better element of the world. **The people of God are asleep doing their little labors, while we wait for the call of the trumpet that will take us out of this world.** Oh, that we might again have that sense of immediacy and urgency that was upon the early church! **A.W.Tozer** [The Tozer Pulpit, Volume 1, Book 1, 128].

**Purpose:** To *reignite* the urgency and the imminency of our Lord's return.

### 1. **First Reading:** II Peter 3:1-13.

- What is Apostle Peter's counsel to us in verse 2?
- Why do you think we should be mindful the words spoken of the holy prophets and the commandments of the apostles?
- What will the scoffers<sup>1</sup> say in verse 4?
- What are the scoffers ignorant of according to this text?
- How should we respond to verse 10, Revelation 3:3 and Revelation 16:15?

### 2. **Second Reading:** I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

- What will God do according to verse 14?
  - Will all God's people be dead at the time when Christ shall descend on Earth?
  - What three (3) sounds are mentioned in the text to describe the descending of our Lord from heaven?
- What words or statements of encouragement is Apostle Paul highlighting in the text?
  - When was the last time you encouraged yourself or a fellow believer with these words? How does this text encourage us not to fear any kind of death?
  - What does the ending of verse 17 "*and so shall we ever be with the Lord*"<sup>2</sup> encourage you to live for Christ?
- What similar characteristic is mentioned in Matthew 26:64, Mark 14 62 and Luke 21:27, Acts 1:11 as the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is foretold?
- What will be the purpose of Christ's coming back on earth in Hebrews 9:28?
  - How are we supposed to respond to the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Hebrews 9:28, Romans 8:23, II Thessalonians 3:4-5, I Corinthians 1:7, Philippians 3:20.

<sup>1</sup> **Scoffer** is someone who jeers or mocks or treats something [God's word and promises] with contempt or calls out in derision.

<sup>2</sup> As in King James Version.

- ii. What key lessons about the Christ's return does Luke 12:22-40, Luke 21:34-36 convey?
  - iii. Do the scriptures above concur with waiting upon the Lord as in Isaiah 40:31?
3. **Third Reading:** I Thessalonians 5:1-11.
- a. What do we ought to know perfectly well according to verse 2?
    - i. Why is Apostle Paul writing that this day should not surprise us?
    - ii. Do you think the church today is ready for the Lords' second coming? On the other hand, are you ready for the Lords' second coming?
  - iii. How do we ought to live according to this text?
4. **Fourth Reading:** II Thessalonians 2:1-12.
- a. What comes out clearly in verse 2 about the Lord's coming?
  - b. Why shouldn't we fear the man of lawlessness?
  - c. What is the order of events in this text about the Lord's coming in verse 3?
5. **Fifth Reading:** Matthew 24:36-50.
- a. What do we need to do not to be like the people in Noah's day?
  - b. What responsibility do you have as a child of God according to this text? See also Luke 19:13, Matthew 25:14-28.
  - c. How does verse 42 speak to you personally? See also Matthew 25:1-13.
6. **Sixth Reading:** Philippians 4:5, Hebrews 10:37, James 5:8, Revelation 3:13, Revelation 22:20, Revelation 22:7, John 14:3.
- a. What do these scriptures highlight in common?
  - b. What tenses are being used about the Lord's coming? What does that mean to us?
7. What will be the signs of Christ's second coming according to Luke 21:25-28?
8. What promises are attached to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ? See. Luke 12:37, John 14:3, Philippians 3:20-21, I Peter 5:4, I Corinthians 15:51-56, 2 Timothy 4:8.
9. What does "blessed hope" mean to you as highlighted in Titus 2:13?
10. **Practical Application:** What do these scriptures call us to do as we wait for the Lords second coming? See. James 5:7, Hebrews 10:25, II Corinthians 5:10-21, Mark 13:32-37, Ephesians 5:15-17.
11. What kind of **mystery**<sup>3</sup> is Apostle Paul highlighting in I Corinthians 15:51-56?
- a. **Further reading and study of the other mysteries in scriptures.**
    - i. *The mystery of the kingdom of heaven*[Matthew 13:3-50]
    - ii. *The mystery of the seven stars*[Revelation 1:20]
    - iii. *The mystery of iniquity*[II Thessalonians 2:7, Matthew 13:33]
    - iv. *The mystery of godliness*[I Timothy 3:16]
    - v. *The mystery of Babylon*[revelation 17:5, Revelation 17:17]
    - vi. *The mystery of Israel's blindness in this age*[Romans 11:25]
    - vii. *The mystery of the New Testament church as one body of Jews and Gentiles*[Ephesians 3:1-11, Romans 16:25, Ephesians 6:19 and Colossians 4:3]
    - viii. *The mystery of the Church as the bride of Christ*[ Ephesians 5:28-32]
    - ix. *The mystery of the indwelling Christ*[Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:26-27]
    - x. *The mystery of God and Christ, Christ as incarnate fullness of the Godhead*[ Colossians 2:2, Colossians 2:9, I Corinthians 1:26-27]

**Are you living a daily life in view of Christ's second coming?**

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<sup>3</sup> A mystery in scripture is a previously hidden truth that is divinely revealed. Its supernatural element remains despite the revelation. [Scofield, Scofield KJV Study Bible].