

SERIES: Then Cometh The End
SUBJECT: "Are we living in the end times?"
READING: 1Co 15:24 **Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

Introduction:

Today's title asks this question; *"Are we living in the end times?"*

God used Paul to reveal many truths and in particular truths about the end of time as we know it! 1Co 15:24 **Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power**

The very idea of the end of civilization has been a part of man's, history from as far back as 2800 BC. Supposedly the Assyrians, a powerful Mesopotamian culture that lasted for roughly two thousand years had a tablet that predicted of the end of the world. The Bible records the first prophecy in **Gen 3:15** *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.* Speaking of the future crucifixion of Christ and beyond to **crushed head of serpent**

- **Beginning at The Cross where sin's power was broken!**
- **Followed by the resurrection where death's grip was destroyed!**
- **Continuing with the raptured deliverance of the church from the wrath of God.**
- **Concluding with Satan eternally bound in the Lake of Fire.**

The plan of God for creation and for the creature is the key to understanding what in the world is going on! Although the various

players in God's plan are left to some speculation what will happen in the future is identified by the Apostle Peter as "a more sure word of prophecy;" that shines its light on both the past, present and future! Concerning that light Peter also says; "...whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:"

The message of the Bible God's "a more sure word of prophecy;" is our only guide to what lies ahead!

I am beginning today a series of sermons clearly laid out in the pages of our bibles that ultimately terminates the world as we know it; **Then Cometh The End. Taken from 1Co 15:24** *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

This end comes as we follow Bible prophecies that will occur in the end times. **These events can be categorized as**

- natural signs,
- spiritual signs,
- sociological signs,
- technological signs, and
- political signs.

Men have mocked the idea of God's prophecies from a position of ignorance! Ignorance is not stupidity or inability to comprehend, ignorance is a state of being unaware and is often used to describe individuals who deliberately ignore or disregard important information or facts. **Peter nailed the type of people who are ignorant in 2Pe 3:3-5** *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth*

standing out of the water and in the water: referring to the flood in Genesis 6!

I want begin these sermons by using Peter's argument from historic prophecy! They knew what happened in Noah's day but chose to ignore it in order to make their argument which many use today to ignore God; 2Pe 3:4 **And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.**

It is true that since the days of Christ and through the words of Christ the ends times have been warned about, you have been told from this pulpit and others like it "that the end is coming!" and yet we are still here!

Just as Peter pointed to the past work of God and the past fulfillment of prophecy to prove his case that Jesus is coming again and it can be soon! **He also uses it to call sinners to repentance and God's people to Godly purity!**

2Pe 3:9-11 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (11) Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

If the Bible is not what it claims to be; The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word of God, then I say; "let's go home and go fishing or go flying, or go to Dairy Queen for a peanut buster parfait!" Let us take Paul's advice if the resurrection is not true and if the Bible is not the word of God? "...let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die." 1Co 15:32

Let's not worry about the end of the world or life after death!

If the Bible is not what it claims to be; The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word of God then we have no reliable communication with God heaven and hell may be as some say myths!

If the Bible is not what it claims to be; The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word of God *then the only explanation we have for our own existence is ascribed to an event that had not yet transpired, in a time that had not been started, in some distant place that was as of yet not anywhere, when something that had not yet come into being collided with something else that had not yet come into being and a "Big Bang" took place 13.8 billion years ago. At its simplest the Big Bang talks about the universe as we know it starting with a small singularity, (a point at which a function takes an infinite value, especially in space-time when matter is infinitely dense, as at the center of a black hole.) estimated by so called scientists to be the size of a dime in which all the energy in the today's universe was condensed, then inflating over the next 13.8 billion years into the cosmos that we know today. A universe that is still with all our technology is so immense it cannot be measured!*

So let me take the rest of our time today to establish the absolute fact that the Bible is what it claims to be; The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word of God!

Everything Bible Believing Christians base their daily lives and their eternal souls on found in the Word of God!

Pick up your bible right now and repeat these words if you believe them to be true;

"I hold in my hand The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word of God! It is what it says it is, everything addressed in its pages are what it says they are! What it says about me is true; everything it asks me to do is in my and God's very best interest! It is God's gift to me, for my good, for my instruction, and for my protection!"

These messages are not designed to get you pumped up nor to get you to clap your hands together and recite **“God is great and God is good!”** *They are however designed to prove what God already knows; That He is the sovereign creator, sustainer, and director of everything and everyone that exists.”*

They are to educate you concerning God, Jesus, the Holy Ghost. To teach you everything that is true and right concerning you and the universe we inhabit!

This is not going to be an easy task so to pay attention and even take notes! Commit yourself not to miss a single message in the series!

To do this right and to build your ability to help the biblically ignorant we have to begin by reminding you what we have in our bibles! **If you do not have a King James Bible I suggest you get one before next week. Once more Pick up your bible right now and repeat these words if you believe them to be true;**

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