

“For the Grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking For That Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:11-14no2 KJV



Just as every evening we retire with the sure hope of sunrise given little thought, so should our Hope of Christ returning be. Each day should be lived as though, “Perhaps today!” we will be changed and rise to meet Him in the air! *“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”* Are you keeping an eye to the clouds and an ear listening for the shout of your Beloved? Have you warned your family and friends? Your neighbors and workmates? Those with whom you cross paths frequently? Cashiers, clerks, bagboys, and teachers? Or would you have them turn an accusing stare in your direction on Judgment Day? God’s Word says, *“When I say unto the wicked, ‘Thou shalt surely die;’ and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.”* I wonder how many of us will stand guilty of being “closet Christians” on Judgment Day? If our Hope is truly “Blessed,” should others not know it from our own life and lips? It has been said, “We should live as though Christ died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow!” I say, “expect Him, today!” We should awaken each day with renewed anticipation of the Daybreak of eternal Dawn!

The “Blessed Hope” anticipating,
The Truth our Hope precipitating,
The thought of our contemplation,
The Daybreak of our Salvation. –CGP

Has the son of eternal morning dawned in your soul? Do you eagerly await His appearing? Does your heart skip a beat when you see a strange cloud formation? Is the “*Blessed Hope*” your motivation for life?

“We have also a more sure Word of prophecy; 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: Knowing this first, that no Prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” 2 Peter 1:19-21 KJV