

jan 30

will you be a missing person

"lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing." isa 40:26

well, that's up to each of us. i remember when i was growing up, every night at 10:00 pm before the new began, an announcement was made: "it's 10 pm. do you know where your children are?" this ominous question, somberly intoned just prior to the local news, was eventually parodied by a multitude of stand-up comedians, novelty song artists, and horror movie posters. but the original intent of the line was very serious. new curfew laws had gone into effect in several cities across the U.S. as a result of urban unrest and rioting. sadly today, many children are left to their own devices unmonitored by parental concern.

we have our amber alerts today when a child is missing. how often i have heard the phrase, "we're all God's children." while it may be true we are all His creation, the fact that those who are not saved are not children of God. "in this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother." 1 john 3:10

are you a true child of God or are you a missing

person? do you know where your children stand; your family, your friends? we must all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. the words one should be terrified of hearing are: "I never knew you." matt 7:23 we should all be terrified.

throughout the years there is a prayer that has always been prevalent in my prayers: that He never be ashamed to be called my God. unfortunately i know He was not pleased with some of my actions and reactions. that being said, i believe He just whispered, "that ok. My grace will get you there." get me and all where? "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." eph 4:13

now "the end of all things is at hand." 1 pet 4:7 it's almost closing. this age of grace is almost finished on God's time clock. He has given all time to repent. even as the fullness of gentiles approaches, so does the measure of sin. There is a limit. God set time in motion for that very reason; that there might be a beginning and an end.

while the opportunity to be persuaded remains, many are in "the valley of decision." joel 3:14 many will be missing when He appears in a great cloud of glory - but not those who are truly children of God; those who He has known and called them by name. "not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body." rom 8:23

right now there is a great assembly and all of creation eagerly awaiting the ending before the new beginning.

"this is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him." 2 tim 2:11 have you died to all the lures of this life or will you be "missing?"