

if we're still here

"then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight." luke 24:31

more and more i heard preachers i respect making that statement everyday. they, and i, expect a little vanishing of our own to be happening soon. those who are awake cannot help but know the season we are in and how near His coming is. (i feel it with every breath i take.) while it is considered a "blessed hope" to many, others should be trembling in fear. instead, they are running aimlessly around, seeking only "fixes" for their pleasures and agreement with their sin. "let them alone. they are blind leaders of the blind. and if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." matt 15:14

it's funny in a way. while they claim to be "woke," they are actually asleep at the wheel. i used to have an uncle that constantly fell asleep while driving. (driving can be tedious - much like our times of watching.) for the life of me, i don't know why he never crashed and burned - the grace of God surely stretched to the limits.

without doubt, these are hard times we are living through. but the saints of God have endured such times as these before. "but we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. we are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying

of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." 2 cor 4:7-10

but there are none here by mistake. we were all called to this time and purpose. these times - these trials, they are all set for the glory of God. just think, of all that were ever born, and many desired to see these times, we are the chosen ones to witness the closing of this age and then to join all for the glorious wedding feast.

is your heart longing for Jesus to return? are you looking for Him? i am. the coming of Jesus is really the only hope for this world.

and when will that be? i don't know. it may be in the morning when the clouds break open with sunlight and shadows of night recede from the sky. it may be at noon when the world is hustling and bustling. it may be at dusk when the birds are singing their evening song. or at midnight, when the stars will dim by the blaze of glory when He descends from the heavenlies. i only know that it will be - and that, right soon!

what joy fills my heart! does it fill yours as well to think of that moment? are you ready?

"when you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before." jos 3:3-4

friends, our High Priest, Jesus, entered the waters two thousand years ago now. we know now the way we must go and it is time for us to cross over; cross from mortal to immortal, from corruptible to incorruptible, from flesh to spirit. and i'm feeling a twinkle in my eye. no, we have not gone this way before, but oh what a trip it will be!

look up into the skies today and think about His return. can you hear the sound of a trumpet blowing and the voice of the angels announcing His appearing? this same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, "will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." john 14:3 it's rapture time indeed!

but, "if we're still here," i'll see you again tomorrow.