

## **“Reformed View of “The End Times” and How We Are To Live In This World”**

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**Question:** If you knew for certain that Christ would return and the world would end on a certain day, for example in a month or two, how would that affect the way you live until then? On the other hand if you knew for certain that it would not happen for at least 20 years or more, how would that change the way you live? That information greatly affects you in terms of how you conduct your life. Such information would have a profound impact on your life. Clearly being aware of the biblical teaching concerning the end times affects how we live today.

### **I. A biblical attitude in regards to when Christ will return - Acts 1:7-8, I Thess. 5:1-10; Matt. 24:36**

- A. It is not revealed and it is not for you to know
- B. Being ready as the disciples of Christ

It is clear from Scripture that the question of when in regards to the return of Christ is not one that we should concern ourselves with. Not only does the bible not provide this information, we are told that we should not know the time of Christ's return. What we should be concerned with is the reality that He will return.

### **II. The concept of serving Christ, I Cor. 15:58; Rom. 12:1-2**

- A. Members of His kingdom
- B. Living in thankfulness
- C. Being used of Christ to accomplish His purpose

What the Scriptures teach us about being ready, is simply to be faithful servants in His kingdom. Being ready means to believe in Jesus and to understand that we have a task to accomplish as His servants. The task which we are to be busy with until He comes, is a task which we are to carry out as His servants here on earth.

### **III. Keeping your eyes on the task at hand - Acts 1:9-11**

- A. The task given
- B. The attitude towards that task

Our focus then should be on the task at hand. To constantly be concerned with the question of when results in not being focused on this task. It is important to remember what our concern is in living in the world and what is not.

#### **IV. The Great Commission and The Cultural Mandate**

- A. Make disciples, Matt. 28:18-20
- B. Claim this world, Gen. 1:26-28; 2:15

We need to remember that this is God's creation and man has a unique place in this creation.

#### **V. Living in this world as citizens of the kingdom of Christ - Philippians 3:20-21**

- A. The danger of seeking to escape this world
- B. The danger of embracing this world

The challenge before us is to be careful not to look at God's creation as evil and yet we need to avoid the temptation to love this world.

God has a purpose for you here on earth. The reformed (biblical) view of the end times is very important in understanding what that purpose is. This view will help you to keep your focus on God's purpose for you here on earth until your task is completed.