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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

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So Jesus' return is imminent...

So we are living in the End Times...

What are we supposed to do about all that?

That's pretty much what a friend of mine has said to me for years. I always thought it was obvious, but maybe it isn't. So here is my answer to that question:

- **Get in and stay in a right relationship with God.** You do want to go with him when he collects his believers, don't you? He warns us in Luke 21:36 to watch, to be alert.
- **If you are a fence sitter, start seeking God with all your heart.** Read the Bible, study, pray. You do not want to be left behind. As so many of our newsletters and CDs and programs say, just going to church does not get you into heaven, into the kingdom. Does not get you "saved." There are so many verses to read about this, and I suggest you look at as many as you can and ponder them. Your Bible index will list many. The most well-known are John 3:16, John 3:5, and Romans 10:9. You will note in your considering this most important decision of your life that the word "believe" pops up often. I would just point out that the word "believe" in the original Greek is *pisteuo*, which means absolute belief (such as you believe there is enough oxygen in the room where you are to keep you alive, or else you would be running out). So your belief in Jesus must be real. It is not a matter of just saying some words or doing something. Like everything important in the relationship with the Lord, it is a matter of the heart. You might want to listen to our CD ***JUST HOW DOES ANYONE EVER REALLY GET INTO HEAVEN?*** Or watch our videos by the same name on YOUTUBE or our ministry web site. Remember not to get too caught up in just one verse but look at them all. What the Bible has to say on a subject is a compilation of all the verses. Ask Jesus for help in this! It is all about a relationship between you and Jesus.
- **Ask the Holy Spirit to orchestrate your every day to the glory of the Lord and his father.** You want to be doing what he wants you to be doing. Always, always seek to hear God, to live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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- **Pray for guidance as to how you may be used by God in his leading others to Jesus.** I expect much of the time your greatest impact will be on those you know – family and friends, co-workers. Some of those people may also surprise you by not wanting to have anything to do with discussions of the Lord and your faith (Jesus himself pointed out that his coming will turn members of a family against each other. He even said in Matthew 10:36 that a man’s enemies will be members of his own family.).

Don’t just rush recklessly into this. Ask the Holy Spirit to arrange appropriate encounters. Pray for the people to be open to hear. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide. You might want to send material to some of these. Our CDs on the return, on what Jesus did, on the Holy Spirit, have been used by some in this regard. We even have one CD that answers where all the people have gone for those who will be left behind after Jesus collects his sheep (One caveat – As Jesus said, no one can come to him unless God the Father draws that person to Jesus. So don’t beat yourself up if a person you have been praying about and working on for years never seems to get the truth. But certainly keep asking God to draw the person to Jesus.).

- **Regarding protecting yourself and your family,** I have written a great deal on all God provides for this. See especially our October 2015 and January 2008 newsletters on the web site. Also listen to our CD **FIGHTING EVIL** or watch the videos by that name on our web site or on YOUTUBE. As a bare minimum study and every day put on the armor of God described in Ephesians 6 to protect yourself and your family. And pray for and thank God for his angels protecting you every day. The Bible makes the point clearly that all angels are ministering spirits sent to serve (protect, accompany) those who will inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14).
- **As for practical daily issues right now in this secular world we inhabit, to be sure the times are getting more difficult and much more violent. I hesitate to write anything here as my focus is on getting the word out to all about the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Bible and the guidance the Lord has given me regarding his return. But it is indisputable that there are some practical things you might consider in preparation for increasing tough times.** Here are just a few:
 - Lay in a short term supply (perhaps 30 or 60 days) of food that lasts – canned food for example – and water. The reason is obvious – if things get really tough and power or transportation is interrupted, how are you going to get food and water? This is not really a burden as you can always eat this food at some point!
 - Think through a possible place to go if where you live gets to be too difficult. If appropriate, let close relatives and friends know your plan and where you will be. This is not anything different than what most people who live near hurricane areas already have done.
 - Perhaps fill a light piece of luggage with basic essentials that you can easily carry with you in a moment’s notice. This goes along with the above point.

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A LAST WORD ON THIS SUBJECT (last for this newsletter; I'm sure I will be talking about the return until Jesus arrives).

We ask you to be involved in our fulfilling God's assignment to me that the return is the primary message right now. Here are some ways:

- Support our ministry with your financial contributions as possible so we might get the truths of the Lord and his imminent return out to more and more people. Some of you already are doing this and we thank you!
- If the opportunity is there, invite us to speak to your church or group on what is going on – both from the spiritual perspective and the secular world perspective.
- Send this newsletter and others on to other people. If you receive it by email, just forward it. If you get a paper copy, make more copies to hand out. Our thanks to those already doing this! Do you know that a couple of times our newsletter has been picked up and used in other publications! And some partners use the newsletter as a teaching tool for various groups. If someone you know would like to be on our distribution list, just send us their email or postal address.
- And please pray for us – that we would fulfill all the Lord has called us to do, that we would be protected in this, that we would receive the necessary provision to do this, that we are strong and in good health always, that we have the persons around us as needed for the various tasks the Lord puts before us as we go through this life and that we recognize these persons.

Above all, *Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!* I say it again. He and your relationship with him is all that counts. You cannot get anyone else into the Kingdom, and no one else can get you there. It is a one-on-one relationship.

YES IT IS CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN!!!!

My mother loved Christmas so much. She just delighted in everything. And I have a lot of that in me too, although the years and experiences and wisdom have greatly tempered all that.

We surely do not know if December 25 is when Jesus was born. But so what? It is a time we can celebrate the Lord even more with others. Perhaps some nonbelievers will be attracted by all the joy and love of the season and maybe will even accept the Lord at this time, become born anew, be saved!

There are some people who cannot abide celebrating Christmas. We had a couple that were partners with us for years who finally tired of my wishing our partners good tidings at Christmas and Easter. They saw so much of the pagan world in these celebrations.

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But who cares? For all Christians and those on the fence even, these times are clearly times of focusing on the Lord. Even the mindless materialism of the season can't take that away.

The Lord loved attending social gatherings. We know that by reading the gospels. He was often at a dinner or a wedding or something like that. And he even has planned a wedding supper for us all in the Kingdom, in Heaven. That is described in Revelation 19 just before the description of Armageddon. In fact, when he introduced the practice of communion to his disciples at the Passover dinner the night of his arrest, he referred to the glass of wine and said that he would not drink that again until he drank it with the disciples in the Kingdom of God (Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25).

Dear God, how wonderful is your son and how wonderful is it that we all celebrate him!

There are so many horrors on planet earth, so much pain in families and nations, so much difficulty. But we who know him know the future. We know the end of the book. We have a relationship with the Lord of creation. We have hope and a future. What a future!

Merry Christmas to every one of you! May you all live in the blessings of the Lord always. May you keep your eyes on him every second. And may his truth and grace touch and awaken all your family members and friends and neighbors and coworkers who have not yet made his acquaintance.

God bless you all.

Always remember to stay alert! The Lord really is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his.

John and Cathy

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