

# Looking for Christ's Return

## Titus 2:13 - part 3

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### Introduction:

- When will Christ make His next appearance?
- *"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.  
Wherefore comfort one another with these words."*  
**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**
- We are to be looking for this appearance with great anticipation and expectation. Why?

### First, it will end our present time of *suffering*.

- There is a **healing** program for the body of Christ. It's called the day of redemption. Our corruptible bodies will be **redeemed** and we will be given a glorified body like Christ's.
- *"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."* **Philippians 3:21**

### Second, it will usher in for us the *hope* of God's calling.

- The word "hope" means "a firm, **sure** expectation."

- When the rapture occurs, the members of the body of Christ will meet Christ in the heavens.
- We will literally inherit the universe as joint-*heirs* with Christ. Ephesians 1:18

**Third, it will allow us to \_\_\_\_\_ in the glorification of Christ.**

- We will \_\_\_\_\_ in the glorification of Christ in heavenly places. Romans 8:17; Colossians 3:4; Ephesians 1:20, cf. 2:6-7
- We will reveal His \_\_\_\_\_ in the ages to come. Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

- His Holy Spirit is working inside of you to \_\_\_\_\_ you so that you reflect His glory right now.
- *“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 3:18*
- Why is God doing this? To prepare you for the \_\_\_\_\_ to come.