

CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

12/31/06

Romans 13:8-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14

Is the return of Jesus still on your horizon?

“Prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:13

ANOTHER YEAR _____

We’ve been in the “_____” since Jesus ascended.

Hebrews 1:2; 1 Corinthians 10:11; 1 John 2:18

A consistent caution against setting _____

Matthew 24: 36; Mark 13:33; Acts 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

Our readiness isn’t by knowing _____ it will happen; it’s from living in perpetual _____.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” Matthew 24:42 & 45

Nothing stands between us and Jesus’ return but the

Nothing about our current events fails to fit the

None can prove Christ can not return in _____!

ANOTHER REASON MORE TO _____

Romans 13:12-14 “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

put on _____ & the _____

2 Peter 3:11-12 & 14 “Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming... since you are looking for-ward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

speed the _____

1Thessalonians 4:16-18 “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven...and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

_____ & _____
others

1 John 3:2-3 “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Every-one who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”

_____ **yourself.**

If you knew for a fact Jesus will be back tomorrow at 1:00 PM what would you be doing differently now?