

The church is expected to function “*until He comes.*” We are currently living in “*the last days.*”

**The Last Days**– The period between the Lord’s first coming and His second coming.

**Key verse: 2 Timothy 3:1** “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.”

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, (v.10) Declaring **the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:” – The future of mankind is revealed to us in the Holy Bible, to motivate obedience and stimulate hope for the believer.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10** “Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: (v.7) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: (v.8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (v.9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (v.10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” – The events of the last days are hidden from the world’s understanding.

**John 14:1-3** “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (v.2) In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (v.3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” – The Lord Jesus promised to personally come again in order to receive his disciples, and to be with Him forever.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** “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: (v.17) 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.” – All believers are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**Revelation 3:10** “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” – The church is kept “FROM” the Tribulation period. The Tribulation period concerns the “world,” and “them that dwell upon the earth.”

**Daniel 9:24** “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” – The Tribulation period also concerns Daniel’s “Thy people” – the Nation of Israel.

**Revelation 19:11** “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.” – The Lord Jesus returns to establish His Millennial Kingdom in Jerusalem. Accompanying Him are His angels and saints (v.14).

**Revelation 20:14-15** “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (v.15) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” – The Lord will judge all the unsaved and cast them into the lake of fire.

**Revelation 21:3** “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” – This is the Day of God. It begins with a new Creation and order. It will last forever.