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“THERE’S NO GREATER HOPE”

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Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our
great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Titus 2:13

In This World, At This Time,

**I Have No Other Hope to Give You - Other Than The Hope
That God Gives. – *is there any other hope?***

THERE IS NO GREATER HOPE

SOME OF US TODAY NEED TO HEAR THAT.

Perhaps this year has been a trying one? Perhaps this year
has brought us all to deeper understanding?

Ps 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within
me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him
for the help of His countenance.

There is However - No Doubt

*That all of us, as Christians, and as Americans, are in a different place
then a year ago.*

The Tragic Events of September 11th. Has Awakend Us
and are now yeilding tremendous ministry oppertunities both here in america
and abroad. The world is watching and listening to how america is responding
and reacting to tragidy, america is turning to God...

Our Only Hope in the Almighty God
that Grants Us Strenght to Continue

(Time's Up)

We Conclude Another Year, Time Marches On

"Time is an education in Eternity!"

- Mark Twain

"you can ask of me anything,
but time I cannot give you"

- General Napoleon Bonaparte

"My Kingdom I would give
but for one more moment of Time"

The last words of Queen Elizabeth the 1st.

"Time is on My Side - Yes it is"

Mic Jagger

But The Best Hope is Still Ahead

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The Doctrine of Imminence

If Jesus Could Return at Any Moment
Then what should be our manner of lifestyle?

*...so what does a church look like - that believes that
jesus could come back at any moment?*

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1.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Watchful"*

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Looking

grk 4327 prosdechomai (pros-dekh'-om-ahee);
(1) - to boldly admit or to confess, (2) - to possess a keen knowledge of, (3) - Having an acceptance, (4) - to do so by waiting confidently with patience)

if we're going to be "looking" then
we must be current

In Your Daily Life, Are You "Looking"?

What does that mean but to be;
Ready, Observant, Biblical

It's an Imminent Hope that is "Watchful"

1.) Are You "Being Convinced"

Are You...

(1) - to boldly admit or to confess,

Are You...

(ie: knowing he's coming for the church so you must be ready...)

It's an Imminent Hope that is "Watchful"

2.) Are You Being Knowledgeable

Are You...

(2) - possessing a keen knowledge of what the bible teachings about the rapture.

89% of Siminary Graduates No Longer Believe in the Rapture of the Church, 62% did not believe in a physical resurrection of Jesus and 77% did not believe that the Bible was the word of God

Yet The Apostle Paul Taught the Thessaloinica Church That Jesus could come back at any moment and that heir salvation was safe with Christ...

Assurance and Expectancy

It's an Imminent Hope that is "Watchful"

3.) Are You Being Encouraged

(3) - Having an acceptance,

Eph 1:4-6

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

The Living Bible - Eph 1:4-6

Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault-- we who stand before him covered with his love. 5 His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to! 6 Now all praise to God for his wonderful kindness to us and his favor that he has poured out upon us because we belong to his dearly loved Son.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Phil 2:13

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

It's an Imminent Hope that is "Watchful"

4.) Are You Being Confident

"Looking"

(4) - to do so by waiting confidently with patience)

1Thes 1:10

and we wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

What's My Manner of Lifestyle?

**GOD'S PEOPLE
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CALLED TO WATCH**

Decisions, Direction, Advice, Children

Rev 3:10

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

we have to labor at "Looking" and being "Watchful"

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2.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Supreme"*

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looking for the **blessed** hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,



Blessed grk 3107 makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os);
The supreme bliss; the absolute fortune, to become abundantly well off: Ultimate happiness.

This Word "Blessed"

Separates This Event - from the Second Coming of Christ

**The Doctrine of Imminence
does not nor cannot apply to the Second Coming**

there are "pre-fulfillments" required before the second coming to take place

*if we're going to be "Blessed" then
we're going to be a
happy church*

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3.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Expectant"*

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Imminent Hope is Responsible for Generating Enthusiasm



Hope

grk 1680 elpis (el-pece');

To anticipate a pleasurable experience, usually with pleasure); expectation to be sure of - concretely or with clear confidence. a confident faith, in an expectant blessing - thus "THE Blessed Hope"

1Thes 5:1-8

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

2000 YEARS AGO JESUS GAVE HINT...

Acts 1:6-8

..."Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
And He said to them, "**It is not for you to know times or seasons** which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Imminent Hope Brings Expectancy

The Exhortation - It Will Be Obvious!

Que PowerPoint

The Euro Hour Approaches

Before You Wake Up on Tuesday Morning,
The United European Community Will Have Launched The "Euro"
Currency and Fifteen European Nations Will, Willfully Surrender
Their Monetary Independence to become ONE

THERE IS NO GREATER HOPE

4.) It's an Imminent Hope that is "Worthy"

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great God and Savior Jesus Christ,



Glourius grk 1391 doxa (dox'-ah);
A praise worthy, worshipful, giving of honor

The Reality of the Rapture Breeds a Worshipful Heart

Gal 5:5

For we through the Spirit **eagerly wait for the hope**
of righteousness by faith.
(the finale to God's redemptive act - in his presences)

if we're going to be "Worshipping" then
we're going to be
Praising Him

1 Jn 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed
what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like
Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in
Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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5.) It's an Imminent Hope that is "Beautiful"

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great God and Savior Jesus Christ,



Appearing

grk 2015 epiphaneia (ep-if-an'-i-ah);
a manifestation, to make an appearance, a showing

“Beautiful”

he want’s us with him

John 14:2-3

"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. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

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6.) *It’s an Imminent Hope that is “Grand”*

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Great

grk 3173 megas (meg'-as);
awesome, exceedingly, high, large, loud, mighty, + Grand

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7.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Divine"*

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God and Savior Jesus Christ,



God 2316 theos (theh'-os);

The Supreme Divinity, The Sovereign, The All Mighty

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8.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Sufficient"*

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God and **Savior** Jesus Christ,



Savior 4990 soter (so-tare');

The deliverer, the God, the Christ:

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9.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Personal"*

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Jesus 2424 *iesous (ee-ay-sooce')*;
Heb. Yehoshua = that God Himself has become our salvation

The Personal Jesus (Salvation)

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10.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Salvation"*

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Christ 5547 *Christos (khris-tos')*;
The anointed One, The Messiah, The Redeemer

Look Carefully at The Verse Once More

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**IS HE "YOUR"
GOD AND SAVIOR?**

Can You Say That? -
**THAT HE IS "MY"
GOD AND SAVIOR?**

1.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Watchful"*

2.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Supreme"*

3.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Expectant"*

4.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Worthy"*

5.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Beautiful"*

6.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Grand"*

7.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Divine"*

8.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Sufficient"*

9.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Personal"*

10.) *It's an Imminent Hope that is "Salvation"*

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But This We Know!

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1 Cor 15:50-52

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.