

How Sweet the Sound: But when, God? July 21, 2024

'For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, 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.' – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Biggest concerns for the church today:

_____ of this world
_____ complacency

We don't seem to have any _____ to do the things God calls us as Christians to do.

The end times prophecy should give you _____ for eternity and _____ today.

Jesus fulfilled _____ Old Testament prophecies based on New Testament accounts.

Thoughts on eternal hope:

1. The _____ : Christ is coming again
Marantha = 'our lord is coming'
Jesus is coming _____.
2. The _____ : Living Christians are taken away.
Harpadzo – caught up, seized, taken away to safety

Only 2 people have gone to heaven without dying:

Enoch – Genesis 5

Elijah – 2 Kings 2

3. The _____ : Christians will be with God forever
We need to _____ for Christ, but look _____
to being with the Father.

Encouragement for today since time is short:

Don't leave _____ unsaid
Don't leave _____ undone
Don't leave _____ unshared

Reflect on these questions this week:

- Where do we see God in the hymn, *I'll fly away*?
- What makes you nervous, or excited, about the end times?
- How can you have a sense of urgency in your Christian life?