New Life
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# *THE MESSAGE OF 1 PETER*

# In order to live for God we need to have…..

- the attitude of Christ towards **SUFFERING**
  1 Peter 4:1
- the attitude of Christ towards **HIS RETURN**
  1 Peter 4:7
- the attitude of Christ towards **HIS GIFTS**
  1 Peter 4:10-11

As an Assemblies Of God Church our statement of faith says:

We believe in the personal, visible, bodily return in power and glory of Jesus Christ at the Second Coming as the hope of all believers

# 2 PETER 3:8-9

*"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*
*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.*
*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?"*

# JOHN 14:1-3

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.*
*You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am"*

# ACTS 1:11

*"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

# *1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18*

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# Matthew 24:6-8

*"You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."*

*SINCE EVERYTHING WILL BE DESTROYED IN THIS WAY, WHAT **KIND OF PEOPLE** OUGHT YOU TO BE?*

**We need to have the attitude of Christ: BE ALERT *(1Peter 4:7)***

*1 Peter 5:8*
Mark 13:33

**John 9:4** “A time is coming when no man can work”

NLT Version

“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.”

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**We need to have the attitude of Christ: BE PRAYERFUL *(1Peter 4:7)***

# *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 Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”*

# *CONCLUSION:*

- *What are you doing to be ready for the return of Christ?*
- Would you describe your spiritual journey as *alert, prayerful and loving*?