

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "The End Is Near!"

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The end is near! Well, people have been proclaiming "the end" for many years. Earlier this year, Harold Camping famously predicted that the world would end, either in May or October, yet here we are. The Mayan calendar, which runs out next year, has given a number of people reason for predicting the end of the world. Add to that the usual "signs of the end times", like destructive storms, war, and earthquakes in Oklahoma!

So is the end near? It might be. Truth is, the "signs" we see today have been with us pretty much since the time of Jesus. Certainly, the end is closer today than it was yesterday. Ironically, these "signs of the end times" can be of great benefit. They remind us that God is ultimately in control and one day He will declare an end to the

world as we know it. At that time, Jesus will return to judge the world. Therefore, Jesus tells us, "Keep watch, because you do not know the day

or the hour." One might ask, "How do we keep watch?" The best way is to focus on what Jesus Christ has done for the people of

the world. The bad things that happen in this world are a result of the fall of mankind into sin. Jesus Christ came to reverse this curse by sacrificing His life on the cross for the sin of the world, then rising from dead in victory over death and Satan. By remembering Jesus' great sacrifice and placing our complete faith in Him, we need not worry about the coming of the end of the age. Those who believe will receive an inheritance reserved for the faithful - eternal communion with God in paradise.

The end certainly gets nearer with each passing day. Now is the day of salvation. Put your trust in Jesus Christ and that last day will be met with unspeakable joy as Christ receives believers into His eternal kingdom.



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Weekly Scripture Reading						
Ezra	Ezra	Nehemiah	Haggai	Haggai	Psalms	1 Chronicles
6.1-22	7.1-28	8.1-18	1.1-15	2.1-23	132	15.1-16.7

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