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Message #2

Blessing/Benefits

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- ✚ E _____ (Matt 24:14, II Peter 3:7-11)
- ✚ E _____ (Jude 1:17-21, I Thess 5:11)
B _____ up & s _____ for service
- ✚ E _____ (Romans 13:1-14, I Cor 1:7, Phil 3:20)
- ✚ E _____ (II Peter 3:17, I Peter 5:8-11, II Tim 4:7-8, Matt 24:42, Titus 3:8, II Thess 1:4, 2:14-15)
- ✚ E _____ (Rev 1:3, 5-6, Matt 24:46)

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- ✚ Encouragement (I Thess 4:2, 5:11)
Comfort – come alongside, console
- ✚ Expectation (Hebrews 9:28, II Peter 3:13, I Thess 1:3, 10) “Looking, waiting, watching”
- ✚ Evangelism (Matt 24:14, II Peter 3:7-11)
- ✚ Edification (Jude 1:17-21, I Thess 5:11)
Building up & strengthening for service
- ✚ Effectiveness (Romans 13:1-14, I Cor 1:7, Phil 3:20)
- ✚ Endurance (II Peter 3:17, I Peter 5:8-11, II Tim 4:7-8, Matt 24:42, Titus 3:8, II Thess 1:4, 2:14-15)
- ✚ Enjoyment (Rev 1:3, 5-6, Matt 24:46)

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Terms to know and understand

Rapture, Advent

Tribulation and Great Tribulation

Millennial Kingdom

Premillennial, Postmillennial, Amillennial

Pre-trib, Mid-trib, Post-Trib

Literal, Spiritualize, Allegory

Judgment Seat of Christ

Great White Throne Judgment

Imminent

Problems – why we don't learn/study, why we are not aware/anticipating/remembering, rejoicing, responsibly living

1. Complacency
2. Complicated
3. Confused
4. Cowardice
5. Controversy/Contentions
6. Culture
7. Corruption
8. Criticism/Contempt

Things to Avoid

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2. Fear of the unknown or not understood (worrying about what we don't know or can't figure out)
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5. Dogmatism without definitive details or scripture
6. Pride – a know it all attitude
7. Confusing the rapture/before tribulation period (*coming in the air for His saints*) and the return/after tribulation period (*coming to the earth with His saints*)
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