**If I Should Die Before I Wake**

**How Should We Then Live**

**Week 6**

*“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to* ***all who have loved his appearing****.” (2 Tm. 4:6-8)*

1. **Our love for Christ measured by our affection for His return**
2. *“For Demas, in love with this* ***present world****, has deserted me”* (2 Tm. 4:10)
3. **The Catastrophe of Loving the Wrong Thing**
4. Mt. 7:21-23 “***On that day*** *many will say to me*” (v.2)
5. Mt. 15:8-9 *“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men”*
6. **Does Our Love For His Coming Fit with the Purposes of His Coming?**

**The primary objective of Christ’s second coming is His own glory**

1. Tit. 2:12-13 *“training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives* ***in the present age****, waiting for our blessed hope, the* ***appearing of the glory*** *of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”*
2. Jn. 17:24 *“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me may be with me where I am, to* ***see my glory*** *that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”*
3. Mt. 25:31 “When the Son of Man **comes in his glory**, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his **glorious throne**.”
4. **How do we experience the Glory?**
5. 2 Th. 1:10 “*when he comes on that day* ***to be glorified*** *in his saints, and to be* ***marveled at*** *among all who believe”*
6. He is coming for an objective presentation of His glory and to be experienced for the glorious Person that He is
7. “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him” (John Piper)
8. All things are done *by* God for the glory *of* God (Jonathan Edwards)
9. **God determines that His own glory will be front and center**
10. We are not the center of attention
11. Our joy is based on His centrality
12. Is your deepest joy that God is your creator?
13. Is your deepest joy that God is right about everything?
14. Is your deepest joy that God alone deserves all our admiration?
15. **You will experience the second coming as an event of grace**
16. 1 Pt. 1:13 *“set your hope fully on* ***the grace that will be brought*** *to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”*
17. All doubt and worry about His reality will vanish
18. Stark certainty for those in Christ and stark terror for those outside of Christ
19. **How should we then live?**
20. Go to work = end times hysteria makes you lazy
21. 2 Th. 3:6-13
22. Go to church
23. Hb. 10:25 *“not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and* ***all the more as you see the Day drawing near****.”*
24. 1 Cor. 11:26 “*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death* ***until he comes****”*