**Adult Sunday School**

February 28, 2010

**“KNOWLEDGE OF THE TIME”**

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. –II Tim. 3:1*

**I. WE SAY THAT WE KNOW THIS IS THE END – TIME.**

*And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

*The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

*Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

*But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

*-Romans 13:11-14.*

A. The signs are plain.

1. There is a great falling away. – II Thess. 2:3

2. There is a departing from the faith. – I Tim. 4:1.

3. The formation of a world government.

Global dictator—anti-Christ. (mark of the beast) Moving toward a cashless society.

4. As it was in Sodom. Portland, Me is as bad off if not worse than Sodom. Homosexuality is still an abomination.

B. End – time Scripture is being fulfilled.

1. Matthew 24 describes the signs of the end. – v. 3

*What shall be the sign of the thy coming & the end time?*

> A rise of false prophets – v. 5,ll

> Wars and rumors of wars – v. 6 Islam, terrorists

> Famines and pestilences – v. 7. Great increase

> Earthquakes – v. 7.

> Iniquity shall abound – v. 12. Sin is running rampant, entertainment is so full of SIN.

> Love of many wax cold – v. 12.

> Gospel preached in all the world – v. 14

… for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

2. Daniel describes the last days.

> The existing world powers. – Chapter 7.

> The wicked shall do wickedly – 12:10.

> The tribulation period. – Chapter 9.

3. The book of Revelation is being fulfilled.

It will come exactly as prophesied.

C. Judgment will come to America.

1. It has already begun.

2. Like sin brings like judgment.

3. This judgment is prophetic.

**II. THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE TO THIS KNOWLEDGE.**

A. Awake out of sleep.

1. The church as a whole is asleep. Jonah 1:5; Matt. 26:40, 43; 08639🡪 Gen. 2:21;15:12;1 Sam 26:12; Job 4:13;33:15; Isa. 29:10🡪ROM. 13:11🡨I Cor. 15:34; Eph 5:14; 2Ti 2:26

2. This is a deliberate action.

B. Cast off the works of darkness.

1. To cast off is a deliberate action of throwing off with energy.

2. Make not provision for the flesh.

3. Separate from the world. – Rom. 12:2.

C. Put on the armor of light.

1. Light represents truth. – John 8:32.

2. There is a battle to be fought. - Eph. 6:14.

D. Walk honestly in the light.

1. Not in rioting and drunkenness.

2. Not in chambering and wantonness.

(refer to filthy living)

3. Not in strife and envying.

E. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**III. MANY ARE NOT RESPONDING TO THE TIME.**

A. The saint must live with eternity in view.

1. This worlds goods will mean nothing in eternity.

2. Plan your life around heaven.

B. Knowledge of the time without action will cause you to miss out with God.

*Faith without works is dead*. James 2:20

1. Establish a fervent prayer life.

When we pray, are we touching God? Is he touching us?

2. Study the Word to understand God’s plan.

Daniel (9:2) understood the days of captivity by reading Jeremiah.

3. Lay hold of God’s provision.

C. There will be a harvest of souls.

1. Do you have a burden for souls?

2. The fields are white to harvest. – John 4:35.

3. Pray for the Lord to use you.

🡪on the job, in the store, people we meet every day are headed fast for hell.

**HERE AM I SEND ME!**

**CONCLUSION**

**IF YOU HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE END OF TIME: If you knew what day, what would you do different?**

* WOULD YOU PRAY MORE OFTEN?
* WOULD YOU FAST MORE OFTEN?

Not ‘praying fast’ but ‘praying and fasting.’

* WOULD YOU READ THE BIBLE MORE OFTEN?
* WOULD YOU SHARE CHRIST MORE OFTEN?

**WE DO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE END OF TIME. The signs are here. The Bible is being fulfilled and yet the church slumbers on. Are we responding?**