



What we truly love, it's those things we spend time becoming skilled at !!!

Sanctification Zeal and Imminence

A review of the doctrine of Imminence

Biblical definition: Jesus may return at any moment for church age believers.

Imminence essentially means, there is no prophesied or predicted event that must occur, before the Resurrection and Rapture of the church age believers. Christ can come at any moment.

The time of His Appearing is unrevealed and uncertain.

No prophesied event must be fulfilled before the rapture!

Though some prophecies may be fulfilled (pertaining to the church) in preparation for the tribulation

THE Tribulation is for Israel

Revelation 20:1-10 (NKJV)
17 The word of the Lord came to me, saying:
18 "See of man, the house of Israel has become dense to Me. They are all because, He, Israel, and Judah, in the midst of a covenant. They have become dense from Israel."
19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Because you have all become dense, therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem."
20 As many gather wheat, corn, barley, and so on, in the midst of a harvest, so I will gather you, as I will gather you in My anger and in My fury and I will leave you there and read you.
21 Yes, I will gather you and bring you on with the line of My wrath, and you shall be melted in it, as I will.
22 As I have melted in the midst of the Lord, so shall you be melted in the midst. When you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out My fury on you!"

Zechariah 2:1-2 (NKJV)
1 Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation.
2 Before the decree is issued, On the day people like chaff. Before the Lord's fierce anger comes upon you, Before the day of the Lord's anger comes upon you!

The doctrine of Imminence:

James 5:7-8 (NKJV)
7 Therefore be patient, brethren, **until the coming of the Lord**. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it matures the spring and the fall.
8 You also be patient. Double your harvest, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!
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Am I living every day with a sense of urgent expectancy?

1 Thess 2:12 (NKJV)
13 **looking for** the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**.

1 Corinthians 16:22 (NKJV)
22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. **O Lord, come!**

Revelation 22:17-18 (NKJV)
17 And do not delay, but come, and take the water of life freely. For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.
18 Each day is closer.

Do we live with a sense of immediacy

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

At any moment Jesus is going to come back and we need to be prepared.

Conclusion: Behavioral changes.

12 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in sleep and drunkenness, not in laziness and lust, not in strife and envy.
13 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Why? Because Jesus is coming back and when He comes back there is going to be accountability at the judgment seat of Christ. Now that is not just there as that to scare people into obedience, but a realization of reality, that we will be held accountable and we need to live in light of that future.

Philippians 4:5 (NKJV)
5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. **The Lord is at hand.**

1 John 2:28-29 (NKJV)
28 **do not love this world, while He lives, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming**
29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1 John 3:1-2 (NKJV)
1 Because what sinners do know the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Sanctification Zeal and Imminence:

Definitions and Lexicographers

1 Thess 2:11-18 (NKJV)
11 For the grace of God that brings **salvation** has appeared to all men, so that we should live **soberly, righteously, and godly** in the present age,
12 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**,
13 who will purify to himself **his own special people, zealous for good works**.

18 I speak these things, **exhort** and **rebuke** with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Encourage

There is always a possibility of offending somebody when you're talking about the Lord but we must take the risk, even with fellow believers.

Be clear and accurate with Bible doctrine's communication. Example: Soul and spirit

1 John 2:12-17 (NKJV)
12 I write to you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
13 I write to you, **little children**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.
14 I write to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:18-29 (NKJV)
18 I write to you, **little children**, because you have known the Father.
19 I have written to you, **little children**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.
20 I have written to you, **young men**, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

Three stages of maturity:

Infant believers
Juvenile
Adult

God provides an Extreme Radical Transformation

note: — The case that is used for direct address. The noun in the vocative case is being directly addressed.

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What we love most, we spend more time doing, and becoming skilled at !!!
It's also those things that by nature of their lightness, tend toward the top of our "Bag of Priorities"

A Kentucky county clerk who had been jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses to gay couples recently met Pope Francis during his visit to the United States last week, a meeting she called greatly encouraging.

According to the post, 73 percent said they strongly agreed or agreed somewhat with a statement by the pope, "I believe in gay and lesbian people for the Lord and has good will."

Many Catholics have interpreted the comments as a softening of the Church's hostile stance.

ungodliness, i.e. living without regard to a religious belief or practice

asceticism — a way of life characterized by self-denial and abstemiousness, especially in regard to food and drink.

worldly — pertaining to the system of this world.

lusts — desires, longing, craving.

soberly — moderately, in self-control (see, e.g., 1 Peter 1:13), soberly (see, e.g., 1 Peter 1:13), soberly (see, e.g., 1 Peter 1:13).

righteously — justly, righteously.

justified — declared righteous.

godly — pertaining to a proper expression of religious beliefs.

little children — those who are new believers, who have just been born again.

young men — those who are mature believers, who have been born again for some time.

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world system — the system of this world, the system of this age, the system of this world.

godless — without God, without God, without God.

standards — a principle or rule by which something is judged or measured.

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