



# **Are We Living in the End Times?**

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I Thessalonians 4:1-5:6

# Introduction



- Paul urged the Christians to shift their thinking, to move from...



# I. Sinfulness to Sanctification (I Thes. 4:1-7)

- Justification is the moment are you declared righteous and your sins are forgiven once and for all when you repent of your sins and believe in the Lord Jesus to save you.
- Justified = “ just as if I never sinned”

# IN CHRIST



## **I AM ACCEPTED...**

Jn 1:12

I am God's child.

Jn 15:15

I am Christ's friend.

Rom 5:1

I have been justified.

1 Cor 6:17

I am united with the Lord and one with Him in spirit.

1 Cor 6:19-20

I have been bought with a price - I belong to God.

1 Cor 12:27

I am a member of Christ's body.

Eph 1:1

I am a saint.

Eph 1:5

I have been adopted as God's child.

Eph 2:18

I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Col 1:14

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Col 2:10

I am complete in Christ.

# IN CHRIST



## I AM SECURE...

Rom 8:1-2

I am free from condemnation.

Rom 8:28

I am assured that all things work together for good.

Rom 8:31-34

I am free from any condemning charges against me.

Rom 8:35-39

I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Cor 1:21-22

I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.

Col 3:3

I am hidden with Christ in God.

Phil 1:6

I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected.

Phil 3:20

I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Tm 1:7

I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Heb 4:16

I can find grace and mercy in time of need.

1 Jn 5:18

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.



# IN CHRIST

## **I AM SIGNIFICANT...**

Matt 5:13-14

I am the salt and light of the earth.

Jn 15:1,5

I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life.

Jn 15:16

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

Acts 1:8

I am a personal witness of Christ's.

1 Cor 3:16

I am God's temple.

2 Cor 5:17-21

I am a minister of reconciliation.

2 Cor 6:1

I am God's co-worker.

Eph 2:6

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.

Eph 2:10

I am God's workmanship.

Eph 3:12

I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Phil 4:13

can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



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- Justification is the moment are you declared righteous and your sins are forgiven once and for all when you repent of your sins and believe in the Lord Jesus to save you.
- Justified = “ just as if I never sinned”
- Sanctification is the lifelong process of becoming like Jesus.



## II. Confusion to Clarity (I Thes. 4:13-18)

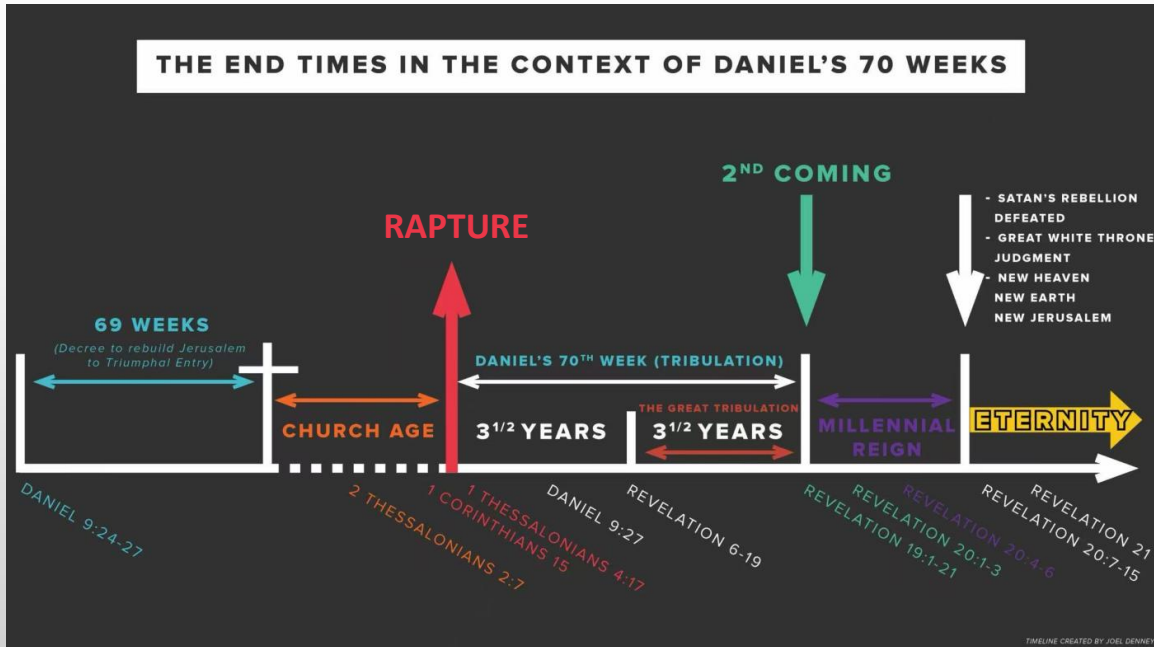
*<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.*

I Thes 4:13-14



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## I Thes 4:15-18





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### 1. The Rapture

*<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*

I Thes 4:16-17



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1. The Rapture
2. Seven Year Tribulation (Rev. 6-18)
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ (Rev. 19)
4. Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-6)
5. New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21-22)



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## THE END TIMES IN THE CONTEXT OF DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

