

Knowing that the End is Near, We can be Calm and Watchful because of Inside Information

1 Peter 4:5 They will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 15:2 If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, ~~be of sound judgment and sober spirit~~ be **calm** {"sophrosyne"} and **watchful** for the purpose of prayer.

{*J. Tatum amplification*: Calm because of inside information revealed by "the gods" as understood in that pagan culture }

Luke 21:36 "But keep ~~on the alert~~ **watching and praying** at all times ...

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, ~~with the voice of the~~ with archangel **voice** and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up {*i.e.* raptured} together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

Acts 3:19 "Repent {*i.e.* Change your mind} and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Psalms 135:6 Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth

Psalms 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases

Ephesians 1:11 We have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you ~~may~~ **would** become partakers of the divine nature

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

2 Corinthians 3:17 ~~The Lord is the Spirit~~ **The Spirit is the Lord.**

John 15:15 "No longer do I call you ~~slaves, for the slave~~ **servants**, for the **servant** does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you."

Luke 21:25-26 There will be signs in **the** sun and **the** moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 But you, ~~brethren~~ **brothers and sisters**, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

2 Peter 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be ~~destroyed by~~ **taken apart**, burning, and the elements {i.e. the indivisible entities} will melt with intense heat.

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance {i.e. change their mind}.