

The Imminent Return of Christ

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I. The New Testament anticipates the return of Christ at any moment.

 \Rightarrow "...for the coming of the Lord is at hand." Ja. 5 :8

 \Rightarrow "The end of all things is at hand." 1 Pet. 4:7

⇒ "We who are alive will be caught up." 1 Thess. 4:17

II. Christ comes for the Church before the Tribulation!

 \Rightarrow Living in the last days. 1 Jn 2:18

 \Rightarrow Nothing in the New Testament suggest we defer

our expectation of Christ' coming. 2 Thess 2:1-3

III. God uses an eternal clock.

 \Rightarrow We do not know the hour. Mt 24:42 \Rightarrow Time is of no consequence to God. 2 Pet. 3:8

IV. The hope of Christ's imminent return should spur us on to becoming Fully Devoted Followers of Christ.

 \Rightarrow Steadfastness James 5:8 \Rightarrow Kindness James 5:9 \Rightarrow Prayer 1 Peter 4:7 \Rightarrow Assembling/Encouraging Heb. 10:24-25

 \Rightarrow Be like Christ 2 Peter 3:11/ 1 Jn 3:2-3

