

ARE YOU READY FOR JESUS TO RETURN?

We are already approaching the end of another year. Time does seem to pass by more rapidly as we get older; this is because one year is a smaller percentage of our entire lifetime as each year ends. One year is 20% of an entire lifetime for a 5 year-old child, 10% for a 10 year-old child, 5% for a twenty year-old, less than 2% for me.

Not only are older folks amazed at how quickly time passes; they (we) are also overwhelmed by how rapidly time **has** passed. James spoke truly when he said that our life is *but a vapor* (**James 4:14**). In contrast with the history of the world, our lives are insignificant in quantity. In comparison to eternity, our lives hardly count for existence at all.

Too many realize too late that quantity of life is a futile goal. The issue is: what do we do with the little time that we have? Are we making the most of it? If we are not fearing God and keeping His commandments (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**), then we are wasting our precious time (**Eccl. 1:1**).

In the last chapter of the Bible (**Rev. 22**), Jesus said, "*I am coming quickly.*" (**v.7,11,20**). His appearance will be sudden, as a thief in the night (**2 Peter 3:10-13**). We need to be ready, because nothing else in life matters. We also need to help others to be ready, since this is a part of preparing ourselves (**Ezekiel 22, Acts 20:26-27**)..