

OCTOBER 5

## “YOU CAN’T READ THE BIBLE AND NOT BE AWARE THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK VERY, VERY SOON.”

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### **READ**

*1 John 2:27-3:3*

I am so certain that Jesus Christ’s return is the next event on God’s calendar that I have decided many things in my life are simply unnecessary: things that bog me down and hold me back, that discourage and irritate me, that are absolutely unnecessary baggage. Life is too short. God is too big and too good for anybody to be discouraged, weak, or worried about tomorrow. Jesus is taking care of those that belong to Him. In these last days, there is an attitude of seriousness that the believer must adopt about what we say and how we say it. There must be desperation in our living. The Bible is constantly warning us not to get entangled with the affairs of this life. Paul tells us that we’re like soldiers, not here to please civilians, but our Commander. Paul says we’re like farmers, planting diligently, watching the skies to see when the rain will fall, and the harvest will come. Paul says we’re like marathon runners, careful about what we take into our bodies, disciplining ourselves to finish the race. Discipline over every thought, word, and action will cause us to run faster and harder towards the goal of Jesus!

### **PRAY**

Thank You for Your grace, that brings salvation and teaches me to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously and godly. I look for the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ.

*From July 15, 2001*