

"A Blessed Hope Believer" Calvary Monument Bible Church May 26, 2024 Pastor Robert Reid

Too often people have such a strong desire to have the chronology of the future plans of God figured out that they overlook a clear teaching of Scripture. The truth of the blessed hope is to have a transformative impact upon the way believers live. One of the last writers of the New Testament, the Apostle John, makes this clear as he writes to believers he dearly loves. Today we see that believers who look forward to the return of Christ, are to have their lives transformed by that blessed hope.

FIRST

I. Qualities of Blessed Hope Believers 1 John 2:28-3:3

A. What they are able to be (2:28-29)

B. What they are (3:1-2a)

C. What they shall be (3:2b)

D. What they should be (3:3)

SECOND

- II. Staying ready as Blessed Hope Believers
 - A. Properly dressed Colossians 3

DRESS UP

- 1. Improper dress (3:5-9) TWO imperatives:
- 2. Proper dress (3:10, 12-17)
- B. Properly prepared (look at 3 parables in Luke) SHAPE UP
 - 1. Investing wisely Luke 12:13-21 QUESTION: Where are we investing our time, talents, and treasure?
 - 2. Remaining alert Luke 12:35-40

 QUESTION: What is causing you to be distracted and keeping you from being ready?
 - 3. Staying engaged Luke 19:11-27 QUESTION: What kind of business are you focusing upon while you await Jesus return?

RESPOND

- 1. Verses to memorize: Titus 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11
- 2. Questions to answer:
 - What was distracting the disciples in Acts 1:4-8? What did Jesus want them to focus upon?
 - What evidence do we display in our lives that we are a blessed hope believer?
 - Do we "stays ready?" Or do we need to "gets ready?"