

# sermonnotes

## Putting Your Faith to Work – Part 9



The faith we profess is connected to the promise of eternal life and the return of Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus, we can be certain that when Jesus returns, we will experience rapture. Or when we cease to exist, we will be in God's presence. Either way we win.

"He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; and His kingdom shall have no end." Apostles Creed

*"So, Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."* Hebrews 9:28

### James 5:7–12

#### Faith in the Waiting

1. Look up...be \_\_\_\_\_. James 5:7
  - Down through the years there have been numerous predictions as to Jesus' return and no one has been right. We need to live with a patient confidence. Matthew 24:4
2. Look in...be \_\_\_\_\_. James 5:8–9
  - We want to keep short accounts and confront the sin in our lives through the process of repentance. We need R&R—routine repentance. 1 John 1:9
3. Look back...be \_\_\_\_\_. James 5:10–11

- As we are waiting for Christ return, we need to be faithful and patient in the adversities of life. Jesus did not promise a problem free existence, but He did promise His presence and provision.

4. Look forward...be \_\_\_\_\_. James 5:12
  - As Christ-followers our \_\_\_\_\_ should match our \_\_\_\_\_. We don't want to be those who just hear the Word but those who do the Word. Matthew 5:16
  - Matthew 5:34–37—In this passage Jesus was saying in effect, 'Say what you mean and mean what you say.' We are to be consistent while looking forward to Christ return.

It has been said that we should not be too heavenly minded lest we be no earthly good. I disagree. In fact, I think we won't be any earthly good unless we are heavenly minded. May we live in light of Christ's return.

Answers: calm; clean; challenged; consistent; walk, talk



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