

**1 and 2 Thessalonians**  
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**1. "End Times Talk" Usually Accompanies Loss and Suffering.**

Job, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Revelation

*"You welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering."* 1 Thessalonians 1:6

**2. End Times Talk is often called, "CHRIST'S COMING."**

*"We will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ when he comes."* 1 Thessalonians 2:19

Christ always comes to us, not the other way around.

God, in Christ, came to humanity because they could not get to God. The so-called second coming will be Christ coming to rescue His people. Actually – Jesus has already come millions of times whenever anyone has come to faith in Jesus.

**3. Details of Jesus' Coming Are Scant**

*"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."* 5:2

*"The man of lawlessness" and "the rebellion."* Thessalonians 2:3

**4. We Do Not Need to Be Afraid or Worry.**

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope...So we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."* 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

**5. End Times Passages are at Times Confusing and Unclear**

*"Let us clarify some things some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. Don't be easily shaken or alarmed by those who say the day of the*

*Lord has already begun. Don't believe them even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed – the one who brings destruction. He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God... Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will kill him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor Of his coming."*

**If Jesus is coming soon, then –**

1. Get your life in order
2. The church needs to be seriously concerned about the lost
3. We should carry on