

Y2K HAS COME AND GONE!

Well the “biggest event” in the history of modern man has come and gone and the world is still here. We all woke up on January 1, 2000 and guess what, we still had running water, the electricity still worked, the telephone still worked and of course for all of us who enjoy football the televisions still worked. Last night was one of the mildest New Year celebrations in my lifetime. The spokesperson for the CHP said it was not any different than an average Friday night in most places. People were afraid to go out. The last poll that I saw said that 61% of the people had said they were going to celebrate the New Year at home and apparently that is what happened.

There have been doomsayers around in every age and ours is no different. Now people were out buying generators, water, food and anything else that they could think of because people began to speak of the end of the world and all the other things that would happen. People were looking for the second coming of Jesus. You would think that many of the modern “religious leaders” had never read their Bibles (probably haven’t). If we would, we would soon learn concerning the end of the world and the second coming of Jesus **“of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” Mark 13:32 NAS.** See we just don’t know when all is going to end.

We as Christians though should live each and every day as if it was our last. See Jesus not only says that we will not know when all this will happen but gives us some marching orders to go along with it. **“Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time is.” Mark 13:33 NAS** Not knowing when the end will come should make each of us alert to the possibility that it could be today or even tomorrow. We just don’t know.

I am not big on “New Years resolutions” but I do believe that it is a good time for us to do a self evaluation to determine if we are living our lives to the fullest for our Lord. It is a biblical concept you know, **“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?” 2 Cor. 13:5 NAS.** I would pray that none of us would fail the test.

Those of us who know what the Bible said should be preparing each and every day of our lives for the end of the world. We should be prepared at a moments noticed. If you know that Publisher’s Clearing House was coming to your house with 21 million dollars, Super Bowl Sunday wouldn’t you be prepared to receive them. Well someone with much more to offer is going to come again someday, **“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” John 14:2-3 NAS** The only question left then is, are you ready for Him to come again? We laugh at all those who are going off the deep end over this but you know their real problem is not in preparing for the coming of the Lord. It is just not understanding that if we are prepared all the time as we are to be, we won’t have to be trying to make some sort of last minute plans. Also they don’t understand that preparing for His Second Coming has to do with our obedience to

His word. **“Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,” Heb 5:8-9 NAS** If you are not prepared for the coming of the Lord please consider what He has told us and let us seek to do His will.

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