**HOPE OF HIS COMING HELPS US BUILD THE “PILLAR OF HOLINESS”**

**I John 3:2-3 MEV *2****Beloved, now are we children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.****3****Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

**Hebrews 12:14 MEV *14****Pursue peace with all men, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.*

**I Peter 1:14-16 MEV *14****As obedient children do not conduct yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.****15****But as He who has called you is holy, so be holy in all your conduct,****16****because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=I+Peter+1%3A14-16+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30391a)*]*

**2 Corinthians 6:14- 7:1 MEV *14****Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? What communion has light with darkness?****15****What agreement has Christ with Belial? Or what part has he who believes with an unbeliever?****16****What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live in them and walk in them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”* ***17****Therefore, “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+6%3A14-+7%3A1+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-28916b)*]* ***18****“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons And daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”[*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+6%3A14-+7%3A1+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-28917c)*] Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

**Psalm 101:3-4 MEV** *I will set no wicked thing before my eyes. I hate the work of those who turn aside; it shall not have part of me.* ***4****A perverted heart shall be far from me; I will not know anything wicked.*

**I Corinthians 6:9-11, 18-20 MEV *9****Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals,****10****nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.****11****Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, and you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus by the Spirit of our God …* ***18****Escape from sexual immorality. Every sin that a man commits is outside the body. But he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.****19****What? Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own?****20****You were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.*

**Ephesians 4:20-24 MEV *20****But you did not learn about Christ in this manner,****21****if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:****22****that you put off the former way of life in the old nature, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,****23****and be renewed in the spirit of your mind;****24****and that you put on the new nature, which was created according to God in righteousness and true holiness.*

**I John 2:15-17 MEV *15****Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.****16****For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father, but is of the world.****17****The world and its desires are passing away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*

**Revelation 21:3-8 KJVER *3****And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.* ***4****And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.* ***5****And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said to me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.* ***6****And He said to me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely.* ***7****He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.* ***8****But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

**2 Corinthians 13:5 MEV *5****Examine yourselves, seeing whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not know that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.*

**Mark 8:34-36 MEV *34****When He had called the people to Him, with His disciples, He said to them, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.****35****For whoever would save his life will lose it. But whoever would lose his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.****36****For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?*

**Matthew 7:13-14 MEV *13****“Enter at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who are going through it,****14****because small is the gate and narrow is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

**Mark 16:15-20 MEV *15****He said to them, “Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.****16****He who believes and is baptized will be saved. But he who does not believe will be condemned.****17****These signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;****18****they will take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* ***19****After the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God.****20****Then they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.*

**Acts 2:42-47 MEV *42****They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.****43****Fear came to every soul. And many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.****44****All who believed were together and had all things in common.****45****They sold their property and goods and distributed them to all, according to their need.****46****And continuing daily with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,****47****praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**Colossians 3:1-17 MEV *3****If you then were raised with Christ, desire those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.****2****Set your affection on things above, not on things on earth.****3****For you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.****4****When Christ who is our life shall appear, then you also shall appear with Him in glory.* ***5****Therefore put to death the parts of your earthly nature: sexual immorality, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.****6****Because of these things* (unnatural or perverse)*, the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience.****7****You also once walked in these, when you lived in them.****8****But now you must also put away all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy language out of your mouth.****9****Do not lie one to another, since you have put off the old nature with its deeds,****10****and have embraced the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created it,****11****where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.* ***12****So embrace, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, a spirit of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, and longsuffering.****13****Bear with one another and forgive one another. If anyone has a quarrel against anyone, even as Christ forgave you, so you must do.****14****And above all these things, embrace love, which is the bond of perfection.* ***15****Let the peace of God, to which also you are called in one body, rule in your hearts. And be thankful.****16****Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.****17****And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

**Hebrews 12:1-14 MEV *12****Therefore, since we are encompassed with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.****2****Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.****3****For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and your hearts give up.* ***4****You have not yet resisted to bloodshed while striving against sin.****5****And you have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as sons: “My son, do not despise the discipline from the Lord, nor grow weary when you are rebuked by Him;* ***6****for whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and scourges every son whom He receives.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+12%3A1-14+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30219a)*]* ***7****Endure discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom a father does not discipline?****8****If you are without discipline, of which everyone has partaken, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.****9****Furthermore, we have had human fathers, and they corrected us, and we gave them reverence. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?****10****For they indeed disciplined us for a short time according to their own judgment, but He does so for our profit, that we may partake of His holiness.****11****Now no discipline seems to be joyful at the time, but grievous. Yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness in those who have been trained by it.* ***12****Therefore lift up your tired hands, and strengthen your weak knees.****13****Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame go out of joint, but rather be healed.* ***14****Pursue peace with all men, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord,*

**2 Timothy 2:15, 19-22 NKJV *15****Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth …* ***19****Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of [*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+2%3A15%2C+19-22+&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29847a)*]Christ depart from iniquity.”* ***20****But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.****21****Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, [*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+2%3A15%2C+19-22+&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29849b)*]sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.****22****Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

**I Timothy 4:1-5 KJVER *4****Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;* ***2****Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;* ***3****Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God has created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.* ***4****For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:* ***5****For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 MEV *3****Know this: In the last days perilous times will come.****2****Men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,****3****without natural affection, trucebreakers, slanderers, unrestrained, fierce, despisers of those who are good,****4****traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,****5****having a form of godliness, but denying its power. Turn away from such people.*