

century-type thinking. In the first century, Peter wrote of people who thought that life would continue as it was and that Jesus would not return. He said, "Since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation" (2 Peter 3:4). Jesus said He would come back, but the people continued to live in disobedience as though He would never return. But His delay is only because of God's patience with us, for He is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (v.9).

Paul tells us that Christians ought to live "soberly, right-ously, and godly" in the light of Christ's certain return. (Titus 2:12). Are you ready to meet Him?

*Faithful and true would He find us here
If He should come today?
Watching in gladness and not in fear,
If He should come today? —Morris*

Jesus may come any time, so we should be ready all the time.



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Are You Ready?

Many will remember 2008 as the beginning of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of 1929. In the months to follow, many lost their jobs, homes, and investments. In a BBC interview a year later, Alan Greenspan, former head of the US Federal Reserve, indicated that the average person doesn't believe it will happen again. He said, "That is the unquenchable capability of human beings when confronted with long periods of prosperity to presume that it will continue."

Assuming that things will continue as they always have is not just 21st-



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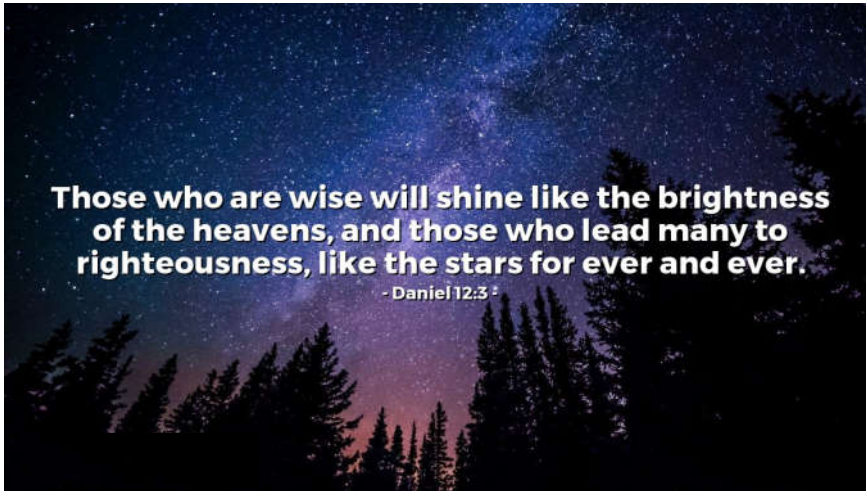
Church Restoration

What Am I to Be? (IV)

In Titus 2 Paul describes 6 different roles:

1. **Older men**, verses 1-2,
2. **Older women**, verses 3-4 [last time]
3. **Younger women**, verses 1-5, 15
4. **Younger men**, verses 6-8

(Daniel 12:3) *Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.*



(Matthew 5:16) *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

In Titus 2:1-15 there are two further roles to discuss:

1. **E** _____, verses 9-10

5 qualities of a star E _____:

- ◆ **O** _____, verse 9
- ◆ **D** _____, verse 9

(Ephesians 6:5-6) *Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; [6] not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,*

- ◆ **R** _____, verse 9



- ◆ **T** _____, verse 10
- ◆ **W** _____, verse 10

2. All _____, verses 11-14

(1 John 2:2) *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

- ◆ _____-like

(2 Corinthians 7:1) *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*



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