

SERMON NOTE: How Then Shall We Live In The Last Day?

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Bible Ref: 2 Timothy 3:1-17 NIV

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone. You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Introduction

2 Timothy 3:1 NIV

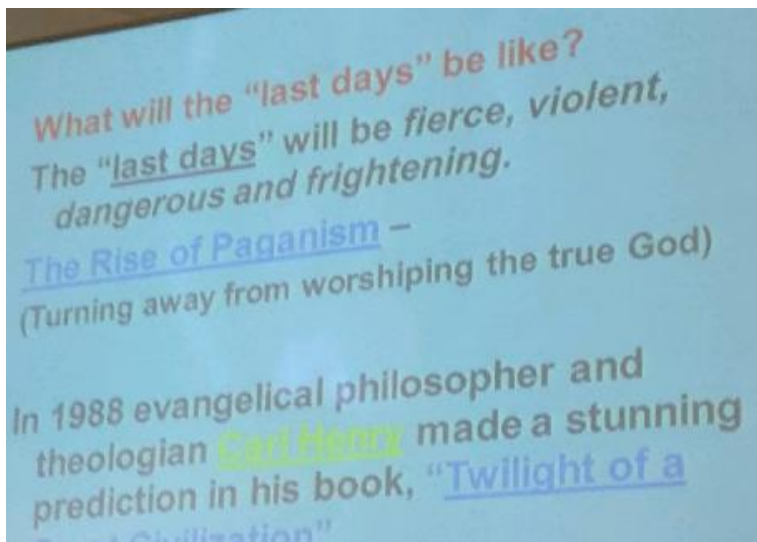
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What does Paul mean by the "last day"?

1. It can apply to the entire period from 1st to 2nd comings of CHRIST.
2. It also applies to unique period of spiritual testing that occur at different times at different places.
3. Obviously applies to the last moment of time before the 2nd coming of JESUS CHRIST.





2 Timothy 3:1-5 NIV

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A. Self Centred Lifestyle

First-there is a total rejection of GOD

Second- lead to total moral collapse

Thirdly, there is the total breakdown of society

Superficial Religious Practice (v5)

Having a form of godliness but deny its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

B. The influence of The Deceptive Leaders

2 Timothy 3:6-9 NIV

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1. First, they prey on weak people.
2. Second, these false teaching are nothing new.
- 3 Survival Strategies

A Follow Godly Leaders

2 Timothy 3:10-13 NIV

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How to identify the Godly Leaders?

1. They have nothing to hide. *"You know my way of life."*
2. They teach the truth. *"You know my doctrine."*
3. They practice what they preach. *"You know my faith, my love and my patience."*
4. They aren't afraid of persecution. *"You know my sufferings and my persecution."*

B. Continue In What You Have Learned

2 Timothy 3:14-15 NIV

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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Stay the Course

Word of GOD - Bible is not an encyclopedia, but it tells us how to live right, with GOD and with human

C. Let The Word Of GOD Makes You Complete

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Conclusion

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- 1) The world will get worse—
Don't be surprised.
 - 2) Tough times are coming—
Don't be discouraged.
 - 3) It's easier to stand strong *if you don't stand alone.*
 - 4) Believers who build their lives on the Bible may be persecuted *but they will never be defeated.*

- 1) How am I building God's Word into my life?
 - Read personally during your devotion
 - Listen to the preachers during the sermon
 - Study with others during the cells
- 2) Do I submit to the Word of God?