

STAY PREPARED

1. The world is being prepared for the **Day of the Lord**

Tribulation/antichrist/Second Coming **2 Thess. 2:1-12.**

- It cannot happen until:

1) a falling away

2) man of sin be revealed

3) what withholds (restrains) is taken out of the way

4) 1st Seal of judgement broken in Heaven Rev. 6:1, 2

2. The Church is being prepared for the **Day of Christ**

Rapture **Titus 2:10, 11; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.**

- It can happen at any moment; imminent/no set known time, no warning signs, no precursor events prophesied yet to happen

3. Are you ready? **Rom. 13:11-14.**

DAY OF CHRIST VS DAY OF THE LORD

1. Bible uses the word “day” as a period of time not just a 24 hr. day.

2. The **Day of Christ** is not the same as the **Day of the Lord**.

Day of Christ – for Church only; starts at Rapture and covers entire period Church will be with the Lord prior to returning with Him; time of blessing; awaited with expectation, hope, and comfort; no signs preceding it.

(1 Cor. 1:7,8; 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16)

Day of the Lord – for Israel and godless nations; starts after Rapture and includes entire Tribulation period on Earth; time of wrath, judgment, woe, and darkness; many signs preceding it; does not apply to the Church saints; only mention of Church is as we appear as the armies which are in Heaven who return to Earth with Jesus at end of Tribulation

(Isaiah 2:12,19; 13:9; 26:20,21; 34:1,2,8; 61:2; 66:15,16; Joel 1:15;2:1,2,30,31,32; 3:15,16; Ezek. 30:1-3; Zech. 12:2,3,9; 14:1-5,9; Zeph.1:14,15,17)

3. **Day of the Lord** cannot begin until: 1) a falling away; 2) man of sin revealed; 3) what withholdeth (restrains) is taken out of the way
4) 1st judgment seal broken from Heaven Rev. 6:1, 2