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I Thessalonians 5:3, *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”*

It was 15 years ago today that our nation was attacked by terrorists. It was a crisp, clear, late Summer, Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001 will stand in history as one of the most memorable days of our lives. The events of that tragic day and the loss of life in New York, Washington D. C., and Pennsylvania are well-known.

I can't help but think of the above verse that Paul wrote to the brethren at Thessalonica. People in such large and busy cities were going about their daily lives as they had for years. They were busy with the activity of work, school and home and no doubt planning and thinking about plans for later that day as well as the days to come.

Within a heartbeat, life suddenly was ended for them. They had no reason to think anything but peace and safety, but as Paul wrote, sudden destruction came. Suddenly, anything at work did not matter. They had plans made for later on that were instantly canceled. They had been taken into eternity to receive the reward of their deeds here, whether good or bad. II Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad.”

That time is coming for us as well. It might be in a tragic moment or a quiet peaceful passing after many decades here. Regardless of when and how, it will happen. We are told in Hebrews 9:27, *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”*

We all have plans for later on in our lives. It might be plans for later today, or for years in the future. Make sure that you plan most of all for dying. It will happen. There is no doubt of that. Even if we are living when the LORD returns, we will be changed and then face the judgment.

Those on September 11, 2001 had no opportunity to change anything in their relationship to the LORD. Whether they were living for the LORD or not, they kept the appoint with death and received the rewards of their deeds.

Let's make sure we are living for the LORD and be totally prepared when that day does come for us. It will come, and maybe much sooner than we think.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton and Brad Terry Kenneth Compton**, the brother of Larry, is recovering nicely from a serious truck accident. He is now in Bowling Green. The parents of Ruby Edwards, **Clay and Wanda Bozarth**, have both been in a Springfield, Missouri hospital. They are now at home in Berryville, Arkansas. Ruby is there, but returning today.

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Amos 8:1, 2 *“¹Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. ²And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.”*



We are in the last few days of summer. Crops are near the end of growth and harvest is here. The LORD in the above passage was telling Amos that the end had come upon His people and He would not pass by them any more. Summer fruit was what was gathered at the end and His people were at an end.

The LORD is longsuffering but there comes a time when the end does come and we must give an account to the LORD. If we are not living for the LORD, do no put off obeying Him or returning to the LORD.

So many have commented they cannot believe we are already in September and summer is almost over. It has come quickly. The end of summer is upon us. Summer fruit is here.

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Sunday, September 4, 2016		
Classes	20	Ephesians 2:18-22
Preaching	25	John 18 Standing With or Apart from Jesus
Contribution	\$738.00	
Evening	11	Singing - Psalm 97
Wednesday, September 7, 2016		
Classes	21	Nehemiah 2:1-20

Visitors—

Bible Quiz

What was the only beast with Nehemiah when he came back to Jerusalem?

Last Week's Answer— Cupbearer (Nehemiah 1:1)

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In the same way, the end of our time here will come quickly upon us. Harvest will be here. What kind of fruit do we have to present to the LORD? We will be rewarded according to our deeds.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)