

## The Day of the Lord Jesus Christ -- 1 Cor 1:7-8

The day of the Lord Jesus Christ .... will be HIS day! The Lord's Day  
will not be a 24-hour day .... but it will be HIS time ....

as we might say of an athlete, "He was a good ball player in his day."

When we read through the text verse passage .... there are **4 points** to

- keep in mind:
- 1) We are waiting for the coming of Christ.
  - 2) Christ's coming will be at the end.
  - 3) He desires for us to be presented blameless.
  - 4) This is about the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Cor 1:4-9** I thank my God always on your behalf,  
for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him,  
in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift;

**Point 1) waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

8 **Point 2)** Who shall also confirm you **unto the end,**

**Point 3)** that ye may be **blameless**

**Point 4) in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Point # 1:** It is our hope that enables us to **patiently wait** for the  
glorified body we will receive **at the resurrection** **when Christ returns:**

**Rom 8:22-25** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and  
travailleth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the  
Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves,

**waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope:

for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not,

*then do we with patience wait for* it.

We are **waiting** for our **hope** .... which we will receive **when** Jesus comes:

**Gal 5:5** For we through the Spirit **wait for the hope** of righteousness by faith.

The same Greek word translated 'wait for' 5 times in the verses that we have been reading .... is also translated 'look for' ....

concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven:

**Phil 3:20-21** For our conversation is in **heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

21 **Who shall change our vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

When Jesus comes from heaven .... believers who have died will be resurrected to incorruption .... and believers who are still alive will join them in immortality .... to all be changed to have glorified bodies:

**1 Cor 15:51-52** Behold, I shew you a mystery;  
We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**,  
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:  
for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

Repeatedly, Paul told the saints to **wait** for Christ to return from heaven:

**1 Thess 1:9-10** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10 And to **wait for his Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

We **have hope** in believing that when Jesus Christ comes from heaven ....

He will **resurrect** the dead saints .... and give **all saints** glorified bodies:

**1 Thess 4:13-18** But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

(1 Thess 4:)14 For if **we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto **the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore **comfort** one another with these words. (Keep reading ....

Paul does not have to tell them **WHEN the Lord will come** (as vs. 15) .... or **WHEN the Lord will descend from heaven** (as vs. 16) .... because they **already know what to look for. They will not be surprised in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ .... they will be prepared for it .... because they have been WAITING for it .... and LOOKING for it:**

1 Thess 5:1-11 **But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.**

2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh** as a thief in the night.

3 For when they (**unbelievers**) shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction cometh upon them (unbelievers)**, as travail upon a woman with child; and they (**unbelievers**) shall not escape.

4 But ye (**believers**), brethren, are not in darkness, that **that day (the day of the Lord Jesus Christ, when He comes from heaven)** should overtake you (**believers**) as a thief.

5 Ye (**believers**) are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch and be sober.**

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For **God hath not appointed us to wrath, (sudden destruction will not come upon us believers)** but to **obtain salvation** by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake (**are alive and remain**) or sleep (**are dead in Christ**), we should live together with him (**all the saints of God will all be gathered together .... with each other .... and with the Lord**).

11 Wherefore **comfort** yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

We need **cheerful endurance .... steadfast loyalty .... perseverance:**

**2 Thess 3:5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God,  
and into **the patient waiting for Christ.**

James also encouraged believers to **patiently wait for Christ's coming:**

**James 5:7-11** **Be patient** therefore, brethren, **unto the coming of the Lord.** Behold, the husbandman **waiteth** for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath **long patience** for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

**8 Be ye also patient;** stablish your hearts:

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**9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned:** behold, the judge standeth before the door.

**10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.**

**11 Behold, we count them happy which endure.** Ye have heard of the **patience** of Job, and have seen **the end** of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

**Point # 2:** When Jesus' disciples questioned Him about the **timing of events .... they knew that His coming will be at the end of the world:**

**Matt 24:3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be?  
and what shall be the sign of **thy coming,**  
and of **the end of the world?**

Paul also testified that **Christ will come at the end .... and that will also be the time of the resurrection .... and when God's kingdom comes:**

**1 Cor 15:21-24** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

**22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**23** But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits;  
afterward they that are **Christ's at his coming.**

**24 Then cometh the end,**

when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;  
when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Paul taught the saints to rejoice .... until the end .... until the day of the Lord Jesus.

**2 Cor 1:12-14** For our **rejoicing** is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but **by the grace of God**, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even **to the end**;

14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your **rejoicing**, even as ye also are ours **in the day of the Lord Jesus**.

**Point # 3:** God wants us to be **presented blameless** .... so we will rejoice at the end when the Lord comes. He is already working on us now and He will continue His work .... until Christ returns. It is obvious by this passage that we will be **present on earth until the day of Christ comes**.

(That will be an important fact to remember .... in a few minutes.)

**Phil 1:3-11** I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,  
4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,  
5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;  
6 Being confident of this very thing,  
that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it**  
**until the day of Jesus Christ:**

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all,  
because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds,  
and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel,  
ye all are partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more  
in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent;  
that ye may be **sincere** and **without offence**  
**till the day of Christ;**

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Later in the same epistle to all the saints in Christ Jesus, with the bishops and deacons which are at Philippi .... Paul reminded them that God is working in them .... because He wants them to be rewarded in the day of Christ .... when they will be judged:

**Phil 2:13-16** For it is **God which worketh in you**

both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be **blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life;

that I may **rejoice in the day of Christ**,

that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

To the the church of the Thessalonians, Paul wrote similar words of encouragement. The Lord wants to find them blameless when He comes:

**1 Thess 3:12-13** And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 **To the end** he may stablish your hearts

**unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father,

**at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all his saints.

Later in the same epistle .... Paul emphasized again that they would be kept blameless .... until the end .... when the Lord returns from heaven:

**1 Thess 5:23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

We will be presented blameless at Christ's coming .... **IF we CONTINUE**, that is, to stay with, to remain with, to persevere ... also translated 'abide':

**Col 1:21-23** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

(Col 1): 22 In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**  
 23 **If ye continue** in the faith grounded and settled, **and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel,** (Acts 13:43, 14:22; 1 Tim 4:16; 2 Tim 3:14; Rom 11:22; John 8:31, 15:9; 1 John 2:24) which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Peter also instructed believers .... watching for the Lord's coming in the day of God .... to be blameless:**

**2 Peter 3:12-14** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of **the day of God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?  
 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.  
 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye **look for such things**, be diligent that **ye may be found** of him in peace, without spot, and **blameless.**

**Peter's context is the coming day .... the day when Jesus appears:**

**1 Pet 1:6-13** Wherein ye greatly rejoice, **though now for a season**, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: (1 Cor 10:11-13)  
 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, (2 Thes 1:4) might be found unto praise and honour and glory **at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**  
 8 **Whom having not seen**, ye love; in whom, **though now ye see him not**, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:  
 9 **Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**  
 10 Of which salvation the prophets (old testament) have enquired and searched diligently, who **prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:**  
 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, **when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.** (Luke 24:25-27)  
 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us (new testament saints) they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.  
 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober (1 Thes 5:1-8), and **hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

Paul assured and reminded the saints of how they will know when the time of Christ's return (the day of Christ) is near. Some things must happen first:

**2 Thess 2:1-10** Now we beseech you, brethren,  
**by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
 and by our gathering together unto him, (We will be gathered to Him  
 .... when He comes.)

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ** is at hand.

Paul warned them **not to be TRICKED** about this issue. No way, no how!

**3 Let no man deceive you by any means:**  
 for **that day shall not come,** (What day? The day of Christ)  
 except there come

- a falling away first,
- and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (Dan 8:25, 11:31,36-37; Matt 24:15; Mark 13:14)

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you,  
 I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth  
**that he might be revealed in his time.** (That **who** might be revealed?  
 That man of sin .... from vs. 3)

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:  
 only he who now letteth will let,  
**until he be taken out of the way.** (He -- who? that man of sin --  
 How will he be taken out of the way?)

The next verse answers .... when the Lord comes, HE will destroy him)

8 And **then shall that Wicked be revealed,** (**Who** will be revealed? that  
 Wicked .... that man of sin .... from vs. 3 and 6, and here again in vs. 8)  
 whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth,  
 and shall destroy with the brightness **of his coming:**

9 Even him (The man of sin, the son of perdition, that Wicked),  
 whose coming is after the working of Satan  
 with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;  
 because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Paul **specifically named** signs that are **easy to be identified**

concerning when the day of Christ will come. The saints **WILL** know them:

**Dan 12:9-11** And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed **till the time of the end.**

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;  
but the wicked shall do wickedly:

and **none of the wicked shall understand;**

**but the wise shall understand.** (Dan 11:33-35, Mark 4:11, Luke 24:25-26, John 8:47, 1 Cor 2:12, Psa 107:43)

11 And **from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, (that is what 2 Thess 2:4 is) there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

**Point # 4:** We have seen it **all the way through** this message.

We have looked at

- The Day of our Lord Jesus Christ
- The Day of the Lord
- The Day of the Lord Jesus
- The Day of Jesus Christ
- The Day of Christ
- The Day of God ....

and we understand that it is the SAME Day .... of the SAME PERSON.

In closing, let us refresh our text verse with its 4 points:

**1 Cor 1:7-8** So that ye come behind in no gift;

Point 1) **waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

8 Point 2) Who shall also confirm you **unto the end,**

Point 3) that ye may be **blameless**

Point 4) **in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"*