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The Consummation of all things includes the visible, personal and glorious return of Jesus Christ (**Matt 24:44; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess 4:16; Heb 9:28; 2 Pet 3:10; 1 John 3:2; Rev 1:7; 22:20**), the resurrection of the dead and the translation of those alive in Christ (**Isa 26:19; Dan 12:2; 1 Cor 15; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Rev 20:13**), the judgment of the just and the unjust (**Ecc 12:14; Matt 12:36; Matt 26:31-32; Acts 17:31; Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Tim 4:1**), and the fulfillment of Christ's kingdom in the new heavens and the new earth (**Isa 65:17; 66:22; Rom 8:19-21; Heb 12:26-27; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1; 22:3**). In the Consummation, Satan with his hosts (**Rev 20:10**) and all those outside Christ are finally separated from the benevolent presence of God, enduring eternal punishment (**Matt 25:46; Lk 16:26; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 14:11; 20:14-15; 21:6, 8; 22:14-15**), but the righteous, in glorious bodies, shall live and reign with him forever (**Matt 25:34, 46; John 14:2; 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 21:1-3**). Married to Christ as his Bride, the Church will be in the presence of God forever, serving him and giving him unending praise and glory (**Eph 1:6,12; 5:25-32; Rev 19:6-10; 21:3; 22:17**). Then shall the eager expectation of creation be fulfilled (**Rom 8:19-21; 1 Cor 15:20-28**) and the whole earth shall proclaim the glory of God (**Rev 22:3-5**) who makes all things new (**Rev 21:5**).

IMPLICATIONS:

We long for Christ to return and encourage one another as we see the day approaching. We seek to live our lives radically in response to the reality that the lifestyles we currently live are ultimately temporal, and that Christ is coming soon. We hold our possessions and life itself lightly, and seek to spend ourselves for the cause of Christ.