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## “Living In Between”

**Tit 2:11-15** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, **14** who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. **15** These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

### APPEARINGS

**Joh 1:1-2** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God.

**Joh 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Luk 2:7-21** And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **8** In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; **11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." **15** When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." **16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. **17** When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. **21** And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

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### 1. FIRST APPEARING IMANUAL

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### 2. SECOND APPEARING

**Tit 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

**1Th 5:22** abstain from every form of evil.

**1Th 5:1-6** Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. **2** For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. **3** While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; **5** for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; **6** so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

**Mar 13:32-33** "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

**33** "Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.

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### 3. YOUR APPEARING

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**Rom 14:8-12** for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **10** But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. **11** For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." **12** So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

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### Next Steps ...

- ◇ I AM NOT READY TO MEET GOD, BUT I WANT TO BE.
- ◇ I AM TURNING FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT IN CHRIST.
- ◇ I WANT CHRIST IN ME .
- ◇ I WANT TO SHINE FOR HIM BY BEING ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS.
- ◇ I WANT TO SHINE BY BEING BAPTIIZED ASAP.