

WATCH

ACTS 3:20, 21

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: This is the first of three preparations based on Acts 3:20, 21, and fn 3:21. According to Dr. William Arnett of Asbury Theological Seminary, 318 verses of the New Testament refer to Christ's second coming.

BE ALERT. "His (Christ's) second appearing will be personal, unexpected, sudden, visible, and glorious." William Arnett, Basic Christian Doctrine, p. 277. (**Acts 3:20, 21, Mark 13:32-37, fn 13:32, Matthew 24:36-44, fn 24:40-42, II Peter 3:10, 11, I Thessalonians 4:15-5:3, fn 5:1-3**) *How does not knowing when Christ will return strengthen your faith?*

BE SPIRITUALLY FIT. As we wait for Christ's return, we need to watch our lives and allow Him to root out any sin that hinders our relationship with Christ. We don't want to be ashamed when we see Him. (**Luke 21:34-36, fn 21:34-36, Luke 12:35-40, fn 12:40, Titus 2:12-14, fn 2:11-14, I John 3:1-3, fn 3:2, 3**) *If you knew that Christ would return in two days, what situation would you want to straighten out beforehand?*

BE AN ENCOURAGER. All of us need to be reminded of these most encouraging words: "Christ is coming!" (**Hebrews 10:24, 25, fn 10:25, I Thessalonians 5:4-11, fn 5:9-11, II Timothy 4:1-8, fn 4:1, 2**) *How is it encouraging to you and your group when you remind each other that Christ is coming?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?