Clive Wissmann: Preparation for the Second Coming (17/11/18)

Introduction:

As Seventh-day Adventists we are obviously big believers in the Second Coming of Jesus. There is of course great anticipation for the event, but there is also great need for preparation.

Today we are going to look at a passage of Scripture that gives some direction as to how we can be prepared for that great day.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

These are beautiful promises. But they are conditional promises. Verse 16 describes the condition for resurrection.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-22

- vs 1,2 Matthew 24:36 No one knows the day or hour.
- vs 3 Luke 17:26-30 'Peace and Safety' not true.
 - Ecclesiastes 12:14 Judgment is inevitable.
- vs 5 John 8:12 Following Jesus gives us light.
 - Psalm 119:105 God's word reveals/brings to light.
 - John 3:19,20 Judgment is good news in the light.
 - Psalm 139:11,12 Darkness doesn't hide things from God.
- vs 6 We have a choice to make. The following attitudes and actions are to ensure our safety through judgment and into the kingdom.
- vs 8 Ephesians 6:13-18 God's answer is protective against evil.

Attitudes & Actions (1 Thessalonians 5:14-22):

Encourage	Matthew 7:3-5
Respect Bible Teachers	
Warn the Unruly	Matthew 5:44
Be Positive	
Prayer	Romans 12:19,20
Give Thanks	
Quench not the Holy Spirit	John 14:1-3
Heed Prophecy	
Compare Findings with Scripture	Acts 17:10,11
Shun Evil	

How can I?

• 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24

The key is to place our trust in the fact that God is able, and He IS faithful!

- Hebrews 12:2 Author and finisher!!
- Philippians 4:19 He WILL supply.

Conclusion:

• 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

God promises to complete the job He has begun.

Trust in Him!!