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Introduction to the Text;

Philippians 2:9-11

!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **the Name** which is above every name, **10** that at **the Name** of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

There are some key words here, key statements that are important to us this morning and will become even more important to us as time goes on...

:10 That it is “at the Name of Jesus **every knee shall bow** – again in verse :11 That it is “that **every tongue shall confess**.

This is and will be and will become our future reality
The Ultimate Anticipation of Meeting Jesus Christ !

Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary of the English Language Defines.

Anticipation

1. The act of taking up, placing, or considering something before it’s time.
2. To foretaste or to anticipation the joys of heaven.
3. Knowing the truth before the reality is experienced.

Anticipation

listen, when I was just a little Jack,

I used to get so excited about Christmas that mom and dad would hide my presents from me because I was obsessed with examining my presents.

I would never tear the wrapping. I would never undo it and then re-tape it – I had some morals. But I remember weighing them on the bathroom scale. I remember shaking them, I remember even closing my eyes and tilting the box - - the anticipation would drive me crazy !!!

I couldn't wait for the "Apocalypse of Christmas"

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3.) Is His Anticipated Coming and Glory

3a.) Marked by The Anticipation of God Himself.

Some 1,500 years before the Very First Christmas Happened - -
The birth of Jesus Christ

Genesis 3:15

And I will put **enmity** between you (satan) and the woman, And between **your seed** and **HER SEED**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

The **Salvation** of mankind was **Anticipated** by God Himself.

Genesis 22:8-10

And Abraham said, My son, **GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF A LAMB** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. **9** And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. **10** And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

The **Entire Bible** **Anticipates** the **Salvation** of God.

Romans 8:19-22 NLT

For all creation is **WAITING EAGERLY** for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. **20** Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with **EAGER HOPE**, **21** the creation **LOOKS FORWARD** to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. **22** For we know that all creation has been groaning as if in the pains of childbirth right up to this present time.

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BECAUSE OF HIS ANTICIPATED COMING AND HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING.

3b.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Man Moses.

Deuteronomy 18:15 & Acts 7:37

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet **LIKE ME**
FROM AMONG YOU, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to Him.

Exodus 33:18-23

And he said, **"PLEASE, SHOW ME YOUR GLORY."**:19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the Name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." **20** But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." **21** And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. **22** So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. **23** Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; (*afterglow*) but My face shall not be seen."

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3c.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Prophets.

Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 35:5

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey - riding on a donkey's colt.

Psalms 22:16

They pierced My hands and My feet;

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Even Jesus Himself Acknowledged the ministry of the Prophets

Luke 24:25-27

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?**” **27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

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3d.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Babylonian Magi.

What a Strange Group of Believers.

(#1) they came from over 600 miles away by caravan. (#2) There was no e-mail or Facebook to post Jesus' birth. (#3) they were fearless to come and confess the newborn King. (#4) They are unapologetic to Herod, to the religious leaders, to all)

The Magi were a sect that was born out of the Chaldeans.

They were expert astronomers. They were the scientists of their day. And they were ranked among the highest of leaders among the Kings advisors.

Daniel 2:1-2

Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. **2** Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, **and the Chaldeans** to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

(The Prophet Daniel was the chief among the Magi of his time)

Daniel was in the place of leading them. Daniel was in that position for some 70 years in the king's court

Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, **“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and we have come to worship Him.”**

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3e.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Man Simeon.

Luke 2:25-33

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, **waiting** for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before **he had seen** the Lord’s Christ. **27** So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, **28** he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: **29** “Lord, **now** You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; **30** For **my eyes have seen** Your salvation **31** Which You have prepared before the face of all nations, **32** **A light to bring** revelation to the Gentiles, And **the glory of Your people Israel.”** **:33** And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

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BECAUSE OF HIS ANTICIPATED COMING AND HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING.

3f.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Apostles.

The Apostle Paul taught Pastor Timothy to be looking to the horizon.

Titus 2:13

LOOKING for the **blessed hope** and **glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Earlier Jesus had Praised all those who would be found watching

Luke 12:37

Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find **WATCHING**.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **:15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven **(1)** with a shout, with the voice of **(2)** an archangel, and **(3)** with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **:17a** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be **CAUGHT UP... together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord IN THE AIR.**
:17b And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **:18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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3g.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Church.

**The Anticipation of The Church is seen throughout the Bible.
Biblical Anticipation breeds a divine Urgency.**

Acts 1:6

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Jesus, saying, **“LORD, WILL YOU at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

Looking into the heart of Paul’s final words on earth,

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and **the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought** the good **fight, I have finished** the **race, I have kept** the **faith. 8 Finally, (with a sigh of relief)** there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only **but also to all WHO HAVE LOVED His appearing.**

This Biblical Anticipation of The Church Generates Holy Living

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **AT THE COMING of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all His saints.

This Biblical Anticipation of The Church Sanctifies us daily.

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. **TO THOSE WHO EAGERLY WAIT FOR HIM** He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

This Biblical Anticipation of The Church Keeps us on target.

Revelation 3:10-11

Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I ALSO WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL** which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

*“Another thing is this, all the Scripture maketh mention of the resurrection and coming again of Christ. We are commanded to **looke every hour for that day.**”*

William Tyndall b.1494 – d.1536

Quote from ‘An Exposition upon the First Epistle of St. John,’ in ‘The Whole Workes of W. Tyndall, John Frith, and Doct. Barnes...’ (London: 1573)

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3h.) Marked by The Anticipation of The Christian.

Throughout every Generation, the Christian;

Titus 2:13

LOOKING FOR the **blessed hope** and **glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 1:10

“..WAIT FOR His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from **the wrath to come.**”

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3i.) Marked by The Anticipation of The End.

Marked by The Anticipation of The End;

If you're not a Christian this morning, then the thought of the "The End" worries you. It is a thing of fear and gloom.

But if today you are a Christian, the thought of the end is an excellent and desired conclusion to this Chapter – The end is what opens up our beginning !

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3j.) Marked by The Anticipation of Jesus Himself.

It's **Amazing** to think that **right now**, in heaven,
Jesus is excited to be **with His** people again.

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Revelation 22:7

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

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3k.) Marked by The Anticipation of You.

Marked by The Anticipation of You (?)

This week Lisa and I dropped off a box at **UPS** that needed to be mailed. There were certain requirements that had to be met - - The box had to be **(1)** properly wrapped. **(2)** properly sealed. **(3)** properly paid for. And **(4)** properly labeled... **(5)** the man said – you're gonna need a return address for this package, just in case...

Here's an "Anticipation Packed" verse !

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I WILL COME AGAIN AND RECEIVE YOU** to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

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even Jesus who delivers us from **the wrath to come.**

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Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **EAGERLY WAIT FOR** *the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, :21 who will transform our lowly (vile) body*
that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

Here's an "Anticipation Packed" verse !

Matthew 24:44

Therefore **YOU ALSO BE READY**, for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour **you do not expect.**

You cannot find a verse in the Bible that says that;
"you do not need to anticipate His return"

You cannot find a verse in the Bible that says that;
"Jesus Christ is not literally coming back"

You cannot find a verse in the Bible that says that;
"Jesus is going to delay or postpone His return"

I said in the opening that,

Philippians 2:10-11

"That at the Name of Jesus **every knee shall bow** –
but to whom or what does your knee bow before today?
again in verse :11 That it is "that **every tongue shall confess.**
But to whom or what does your tongue confess to today?

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other **Name** under heaven given among men by which we
must be saved."

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the
waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His **Name**, and what is His Son's
Name, If you know?

!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

>>>> The **Cross**, The **Christ**,
The **Call** <<<<

End of Study

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