

Living with Spirit-filled Anticipation

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The ancient gospel story:

**Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Read Philippians 1:6

Question: What are three aspects of the Christian life from this verse, having to do with:

1. The Past
2. The Future
3. The Present

The Future:

**Biblical hope is no wishful thinking.
It is an expression of absolute confidence.**

Question: What are some examples from life that you can think of that illustrates the difference between biblical hope and wishful thinking?

The Present:

**Jesus is working in me.
My job is to cooperate with his work.**

Read Philippians 2:12–13; 1:10–11

**The Kingdom of God is both ‘now’ and ‘not yet’.
The ‘between times’ is called “The Last Days.”**

Question: What has been your understanding of “The Last Days”?

Read Acts 2:16–18

The presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives:

- Salvation

Read Romans 8:15–16; Ephesians 1:13–14

- Relationship
- Power to witness and serve others
- Holiness

Read Galatians 5:25; Titus 2:11–13

Questions: Are you living in light of his coming? Which of these works of the Holy Spirit have you experienced? How do they look in a continuing way in your life? What areas do you need to grow and explore more?