

LAST DAYS

Have you felt, as I, that we're in the Last Days before Christ's return? Not attempting to sound facetious, we're certainly closer today than we were yesterday but looking at what is deemed acceptable in today society was not so even in recent years. We recall that scripture reads that in the "last days, these will be terrible times" (2 Tim 3: 1-9, 2 Pet 3:3) but the good news is we also read: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy" (Acts 2:16-18). How can this be? It becoming more and more apparent that in these last days light and darkness, good and evil, who obeys God and who does not is becoming more distinctive. The truth of the matter really comes down to the fact of how each of us (including the lost) responds to Jesus. Who do you (and I) say that He is and do we really live for Him? Daily we've got to maintain our connectivity with God the Father, through Jesus, via worship, communication (i.e., prayer), studying the Word and fellowship with believers or we risk being influenced by the world. We are to impact/influence the world and not the other way around.

Final thoughts: To stand firm, as a Christian, in these last days, our convictions must be rooted in a close relationship with Jesus Christ (ref. John 15:1-25).

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