**The only requirement to begin a life of discipleship is to have faith in Jesus Christ for eternal life.**

* **Bible Study Methods**
* The Bible is the Inerrant word of God
* The Bible is to be understood Literally & in its original context
* Begin with a context of assurance – no scripture questions the eternal life of a believer in Christ
* **Discernment** – Be careful of what you think, hear, and believe!
* **Assurance** – We know we have eternal life!
* **Eternal Rewards** – What are good works good for?
* **The Trinity** – We believe in the triune God of the Bible
* **Unlimited Atonement** - We believe Christ died effectively for all mankind
* **Righteousness only comes from God** – Our growth & success comes through reliance upon God and a remaking of our worldview.

**The Return of Christ**

**Expectations**

* It could be soon! – We are told \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 24:42-44
* It should be soon! – Paul thought it would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Matthew 24:4-14
* It is our hope, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soon – Every generation gone by has expected the Lord THEN!
  + 2 Peter 3:3-9
* The great tribulation is for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – The church is not Israel, and Israel is no the Church
  + Daniel 9:24, Rev 7:1-8

**Hope**

* We can be encouraged we will miss the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ –1 Thessalonians 5:9-11,1:9-10
* The return of Christ should drive us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as we see Him coming soon – Hebrews 10:23-24
* We can be motivated by our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. – Titus 2:11-12, Romans 13:11-12
* We must be careful not to fall for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 24:4-14