EMMANUEL NOTES

That Day

Week 2 - Be Transformed

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*And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not **shrink from him in shame** at his coming. - 1 John 2:28*

Is it possible to not shrink back at His coming? Yes!

The goal of the spiritual life is transformation.

- *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone **mature** in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. - Colossians 1:28,29*

- *For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy. - 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20*

We are to be growing out of patterns of sin and into patterns of godliness.

- *...put off your **old self**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the **new self**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.- Ephesians 4:22-24*

The reality is that this is not happening!

WEEKEND SERVICE NOTES

"That Day" should cause us to strive to become like Christ.

- *My dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is. **Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure, just as Christ is pure**. - 1 John 3:2, 3 (Good News Translation)*

- *The **day of the Lord** will come like a thief. On that day heaven will pass away with a roaring sound. Everything that makes up the universe will burn and be destroyed. The earth and everything that people have done on it will be exposed. All these things will be destroyed in this way. So think of the kind of holy and godly lives you must live ... But we **look forward** to what God has promised-a new heaven and a new earth-a place where everything that has God's approval lives. Therefore, dear friends, with this to look forward to, **make every effort to have him find you at peace, without spiritual stains or blemishes**. - 2 Peter 3:10-14 (God's Word Translation)*

Action Step:

Commit to a development plan.

1. Develop the key areas where you are not like Christ.

Key Area	Scriptures	Character of Christ
Anger	Colossians 3:8, Colossians 3:12,13	Loving, Forgiving
Lust	Colossians 3:8, 1 Peter 1:14:16	Purity
Greed	Luke 12:15, Proverbs 11:25	Generosity
Deception	Colossians 3:9, Ephesians 4:25	Honesty
Worry	Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:25	Peace, Trust

Read and meditate on Scripture.

Ask your small group leader for accountability.

Read "The Life You've Always Wanted" by John Ortberg.

"Those who know that God stands at the end of the road will make all life a preparation to meet Him."

- William Barclay