

## ALWAYS ON THE WATCH

Scripture: Luke 21:34-38

December 2, 2020

**Message: Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.**

**Luke 21:36**

**But, in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, Dear Friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation...**

**2 Peter 13-15a**

Advent, to me, has always been about preparing for the coming of baby Jesus. However, this week's verses and even the term Advent actually focus on preparing for the return of Jesus, the adult Savior.

As we wait for Christmas, are you concentrating on a birthday for a baby born over 2,000 years ago? Or are your mind and heart centering on an adult Savior who was born to save us and prepare us for a better place?

While we prepare for the season and make room for all those decorations and gifts, are you making room in your life for Our Savior, Jesus Christ?

As we struggle this year with a tiny, unseen virus that has turned our world upside down, isn't it wonderful to know that God's Son is beside us through the struggles of the year? And that He came to take us away from those struggles and into a place where righteousness dwells?

Jesus continues to be with us, waiting on us to ask Him into our hearts, to keep us safe from our current trials and temptations. All the while, He is waiting and helping us prepare for what is yet to come.

**Prayer:** Thank you for not only sending us baby Jesus but also for sending us your Son the Savior. Help us to not only prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, but also for the salvation and eternal life that He offers. Please continue to guide us through these difficult times. Forgive us when we falter. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN.

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