

## **The Church's Response to The Chaos of Our Time**

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Present Age – *Matthew 24:1-14***
  - A. The first part of this age is marked anti-Christ, natural disasters, and war – vs. 4-8
  - B. The second part of this age is marked by intense persecution, church division, and apostasy – vs. 9-13
  - C. The entirety of this age is marked by gospel proclamation and teaching – vs. 14
  
- II. The Signs of the \_\_\_\_\_ of This Age – *Matthew 13:36-43; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12***
  
- III. The Church's \_\_\_\_\_ to These Trying Times**
  - A. We Should Root Ourselves in God's \_\_\_\_\_ – *2 Thessalonians 2:13-15*
  - B. We Should Pray – *2 Thessalonians 3:1, 2*
    - i. We should pray for God's \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. We should pray for each other
  - C. We Should Hold Each Other Accountable – *2 Thessalonians 3:13-15*
  - D. We Should \_\_\_\_\_ Each Other With the Truth – *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5:11*
  - E. We Should Anticipate the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ – *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*
  
- IV. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ Through the End of The Age**
  - A. A Promised Presence – *Matthew 28:20*
  - B. A Firm Salvation – *2 Thessalonians 2:16*
  - C. A Reliable \_\_\_\_\_ – *2 Thessalonians 2:17*
  - D. A Defense Against the Devil – *2 Thessalonians 3:3*
  - E. The \_\_\_\_\_ and Steadfastness of Christ – *2 Thessalonians 3:4, 5*

### **Conclusions**

1. Christians should never allow themselves to be controlled by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. We should remember that God is sovereign over the events of this world.
  - b. We should trust in God's faithfulness to carry out his cosmic redemptive plan.

2. Christians must endeavor to persevere in \_\_\_\_\_ to God
  - a. The church is not called to withdrawal from the mission of God because of fear.
  - b. The church should demonstrate a boldness and trust in Christ
3. Christians must be aware of the world around them, but equally aware of the provisions that Christ has provided.