

Glimpses Of The End **4415**

Proclamation: Psalm 118:17

- I. Perilous Times (2 Tim. 3:1–5 [also Matt. 8:28]) “perilous” = fierce**
 - A. Root problem:
 - 1. Decline in human character
 - 2. Corruption progresses to total rottenness
 - B. God’s answer: a new creation
 - C. Main evil forces at work
 - 1. Self-love
 - 2. Love of money (1 Tim. 6:10)
 - 3. Love of pleasure
 - 4. All have a form of godliness = Christians, but deny the power of God; from such **turn away**
- II. The Cross Is The Power Of God (1 Cor. 1:18)**
 - A. Follow Jesus (Matt. 16:24–25)
 - 1. Deny yourself = deal with your self-pleasing ego
 - 2. Take up cross
 - 3. You cannot follow Jesus without these two steps
 - B. Be a disciple: Hate father and mother = hate anything that comes between yourself and being a disciple (Luke 14:25–27)
- III. Features Of This Present Age (2 Tim. 3:8–9)**
 - A. Opposition from the occult—First three miracles of Moses and Aaron were duplicated by magicians—Satan can produce miracles
 - B. Evil men and impostors (actually *enchanters*) (2 Tim. 3:13)
- IV. What Is Our Response? (2 Tim. 3:14–17)**
 - A. The source of our victory: the Scripture = God’s truth put down in writing
 - B. Preach the word!
 - 1. These signs will follow the preaching of the gospel (Mark 16:15–18)
 - 2. Preaching of the word will bring signs and wonders (Acts 4:29–30)
 - 3. Signs and wonders are God’s witness to the preached word (Acts 14:3)
 - 4. Signs, wonders, miracles and gifts (Heb. 2:2–4)
 - 5. Eyewitnesses and ministers (= servants) of the word (Luke 1:1–2). It is dangerous to seek signs and wonders apart from the Word of God.
 - C. Be watchful in all things
 - D. Endure afflictions
 - E. Do the work of an evangelist
 - F. Fulfill your ministry—whatever you’re called to do—do it, and do it with all your heart