

that all that we may achieve to do, that all the money we might accumulate, that what~~x~~ goods we accumulate, what fame we get, that what we undergo at any time is nothing compared to the joy of seeing our Lord when He comes back. Seeing Him who gave us His life that we might live. Seeing Him who has given His great promise that the kingdom of God which today is in the hearts of so many people (a minority that is scattered throughout many parts of the world) that that kingdom is to extend over all the earth as this world will be changed when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back.

This is a wonderful section: this first eleven verses of Acts. It is the foundation of the wonderful work that Peter did, and of the wonderful work that Paul did, and it's the foundation of the work God wants us to do.

May God enable each one of us to be looking and longing for His coming, but while we wait and while He tarries to witness effectively, to witness faithfully even though we may not know just what the results of our witness may be.

God may give another glorious outpouring of His power on this earth before He comes. Or God permit terrible sufferings and persecutions. And there are many signs that look as if that might happen. It is hard to tell what His will is for the days ahead. But whatever it is He wants us to faithfully witness to His truth, and to look and long for His return. Let us pray.

Our God and Father we thank thee for this Word, for this Bible which is your presentation of truth for all ages. We thank you that we can trust it safely. We thank you above all that Jesus Christ gave His life that we might live. That Jesus Christ reigns in our hearts since we have believed on Him. That That the Holy Spirit is with us to lead, guide and use us. And that while He tarries we have the privilege of witnessing for Him and of looking and longing for His coming. In our Saviour's Name. Amen.