1) INTRODUCTION
a) We believe that, according to Scripture, we are living in the last days.
b) The Bible says that perilous times are coming, and we need to be prepared.
c) We need to be ready because of:
   i) The intercession factor – we need to be praying for people.
   ii) The soul-winning factor – we need to be telling folks about Jesus Christ.
   iii) The family preparation factor – as parents and grandparents, we need to be teaching and training our children in the ways and truth of God.
   iv) The comfort factor – when we know what the Bible says about coming events, then we don’t have to worry; we understand that Jesus is coming again.

2) THE TIME IS THE LAST DAYS – BE AWAKE (1 John 2:18)
a) The Old Testament, the former time, prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ. After the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus, we entered into a period of time called the last time.
b) The rapture of the church is imminent; we’re not waiting for the fulfillment of a sign or prophecy. The rapture may occur at any moment.
c) We are to be expecting the coming of the Lord Jesus at any moment:
   i) 1 Thessalonians 1:10
   ii) Philippians 3:20
   iii) 1 Corinthians 1:7
   iv) Hebrews 9:28
   v) Titus 2:13
   d) We are not to look for a sign; we’re to be looking for Jesus.

3) THE TYRANNT IS THE COMING ANTICHRIST – BE AWARE (1 John 2:18-26)
a) The antichrist has many aliases, including the son of perdition, the man of sin, the wicked one, the man of lawlessness, and the beast.
   i) 2 Thessalonians 2:3
   ii) Revelation 13:1
b) The prefix “anti” has two meanings: “against” and “instead of.” The antichrist will come against Christ by substituting himself for Christ - instead of Christ.
c) Attributes of the antichrist:
   i) Devilish
      (1) 2 Thessalonians 2:4
   ii) Divisive
      (1) 1 John 2:19 – speaks of other antichrists that have entered the world, many of whom were once a part of the church. This Scripture says that “they were not all of us,” meaning that they were never saved.
      (2) 1 Timothy 4:1
   iii) Deceptive
      (1) His primary objective is to deceive men about who Jesus is.
      (2) 1 John 2:20-23
iv) Destructive  
(1) His objective in deceiving men about Jesus has an ultimate goal of condemning the souls of men.  
(2) 1 John 2:24-25

4) THE TRUMPH IS THAT JESUS IS COMING – BE ABIDING (1 John 2:24-29)  
a) We need to abide in the Word of God.  
   i) 1 John 2:24  
b) We need to abide in the Spirit of God.  
   i) 1 John 2:20  
   ii) 1 John 2:27  
   iii) Ephesians 4:11-12  
   iv) 2 Timothy 2:15  
   v) John 14:26  
c) We need to abide in the Son of God.  
   i) 1 John 2:28-29

5) CONCLUSION  
a) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.  
b) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.  
   i) Romans 3:23  
   ii) Romans 10:9-10  
   iii) Romans 10:13  
   iv) Acts 16:31