



- Because the Bible makes no mention of any signs that either will or must occur before the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Second Coming, then we must conclude that it could take place at **any moment** - a doctrine that Bible scholars refer to as **imminency**.
- Our English word **“imminent”** comes from a Latin verb which means to **“overhang”** or **“project.”**

*“An imminent event is one that is always hanging overhead; it is constantly ready to overtake a person; it is always close at hand in the sense that it could happen at any moment!”*

*Other things **‘might’** take place before an imminent event occurs, but nothing else **‘must’** take place before it happens!*

- *John 14:2-3; Philippians 3:20; I Corinthians 1:7; I Thessalonians 1:9-10; 4:16-17; 5:5-9; Titus 2:13; James 5:8-9; Revelation 3:10; 22:17-22.*
- We are not to look for the **‘soon’** coming of Christ but the **‘imminent’** coming of Christ!
- What is meant by the word **“foreshadowing”**?

*“If ever there was a generation of Christians who could momentarily expect the blessed hope, it is our generation!”*

- The term **“imminent”** describes the **nature** of an event. By contrast, the term **“expectant”** describes people’s **attitude** toward an event.
- *Philippians 1:10; I John 3:2-3*
- The imminent return of Christ is a **purifying hope!**

### **Conclusion:**

If the prospect of the Rapture doesn’t affect your life, then despite what you say, **you don’t really believe it!**

