

## "AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING"

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, **as ye see the day approaching.**" ([Hebrews 10:25](#))*

This is the favourite verse used by many to urge the 'lapsed' church attender back into the fold. Is this the correct verse to use? **No ... it isn't.**

The Book of Hebrews is **not** written to Christians, but to those who were considering to becoming one.

The recipients of this epistle to which Paul writes, were fed up with the harsh restrictions of following the Old Testament hardliners under Moses and had left to **follow** Jesus their **Messiah**.

But since Christ had died, they were now faced with the prospect of becoming a Christian ... and having **Christ as their Saviour** ... not just as their Messiah.

So in their dilemma as to whether they would retreat back into Old Testament Judaism, they had been searching out what the Christians were doing in their church meetings.

It is in this regard that Paul writes to these unsaved but Messiah believing Jews ... urging them to continue to fellowship with Christians.

### **So what is this day approaching?**

Christians think that this day is the rapture ... but it's not.

In simple terms, it is these unsaved Messiah believing Jews **day of salvation** that was fast looming on the horizon ... whereby they would have to make a decision to have Christ as their Saviour ... and not simply be followers of him as their Messiah ... or indeed retreating back under the umbrella of Moses.

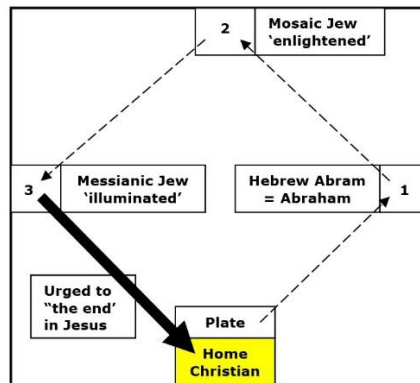
When trying to ascertain the meaning of a word or Bible phrase, one of the rules of Bible study is look for meaning in the **verse** itself, the **paragraph** in which it is contained, the **chapter**, and indeed the **Epistle/Book** in which it is found.

The word “**day**” appears **seventeen** times in the Book to the Hebrews ... and in this context, it is about Israel having to **make a decision** to obey God ([Hebrews 3:7, 8, 13, 15](#); [4:7, 8; 10:25](#)) ... in this case salvation in Christ.

Paul says “Look, while you are thinking about whether to take the next step and become Christians, please keep **YOUR** coming to **OUR** Christian meetings and church gatherings. But be **bold** and **step forward** into a **new** and **living way into Christ** ([Hebrews 10:19](#)) with **full assurance** ([Hebrews 10:22](#)) and **without wavering** ([Hebrews 10:23](#)). Let us ... you and us, me Paul, other Christians ... **OURSELVES** ... keep meeting.”

As ye see **the day of your salvation to becoming a Christian approaching** ... do not be afraid ... and stop listening to those that exhort the opposite ([Hebrews 10:25](#)).

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