

## **“Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs!”**

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*“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days...” 2 Tim. 3:1*

Are today's terrible times any worse than the terrible times of the past?

- Days of Noah: “Every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was evil all the time!” Gen 6:5?
- Days of Sodom: “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous.” Gen. 18:20
- Pagan Nations: “You shall not behave thus toward the Lord your God, for every abominable act which the Lord hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.” Dt. 12:31
- Days of Rome: Gladiatorial games; lighting Christians on fire to use a lamps, sexual deviancy

The difference between the days of the past and today is we have seen God's reply to these terrible times and still refuse to fear His judgment, turn to Him and repent.

### **1. The Present and Coming Signs**

- Depraved **Mind** – Redefining truth

*“Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.” Rom. 1:28*

- Depraved **Body** – Lovers of Pleasure

*“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.” Rom. 1:24*

- Depraved **Spirit** – Self worship

*“For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” 2 Tim. 4:3-4*

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## 2. The Clear and Present Remedy

*“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*  
Eph. 6:12

- Learn the Word

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, that the man of God be complete, fully equipped for every good work.”* 2 Tim. 3:16-17

**Teaching:** Instructs you how to live

**Rebuking:** Finds fault for your benefit

**Correcting:** Re-calibrates behavior

**Training** in Righteousness: Builds strength

Practice daily Bible study and join a Group InCommon

- Live the Word

*“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”* 2 Tim. 3:14-15

- Share the Word

*“I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.”* 2 Tim. 4:2

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”* 1 Peter 3:15