Looking For Jesus
Titus 2:11-13

Introduction:
A. Should look for Jesus. (cf. Acts 1:11)
B. Should live and look (vv. 12,13).
   1. Some too preoccupied with living to look.
   2. Others too preoccupied with looking to live. (cf. 2 Thess. 2:1-3;3:10-11).
C. Should look while fulfilling the functions of present life.

Discussion:
I. Look While Enjoying The Blessings Of This Present World.
   A. Life in general. (1 Pet. 3:10).
   B. Material things. (1 Tim. 6:17)
      2. Without putting first. (Matt. 6:33)
      3. Without abuse in getting, keeping or using.
   C. Pleasant company.
      1. With brethren.
      2. With people of world. (cf. 1 Cor. 5:10; 10:27)
         a. Without being friends of world. (James 4:4).
         b. Without partaking of their sins. (cf. 1 John 2:15,16).
         c. Without ignoring the dangers. (1 Cor. 10:12; 15:33).

II. Look While Coping With The Problems Of This Present World.
   A. Not by worrying. (Mt. 6:33; Phil. 4:4-8).
   B. Not by escapism.
      1. Chemical escapism: Drugs, alcohol, etc.
      2. Mental escapism: Eastern meditations, PMA.
   C. By working on problems.
      1. Do what can to help. (Mt. 25:31-40).
      2. Enlist God's help. (1 Pet. 5:7)

III. Look While Attending To The Duties Of This Present World.
   A. Do present duties because are looking for Jesus. (vv. 9-14)
      1. Servants. (vv. 9-13).
      2. Zealous of good works (v. 14).
   B. Meet all responsibilities of present life because looking for Jesus. (cf. Cor. 5:10).
      2. Financial. (Rom. 13:8; Eph. 4:28; Rom. 12:17; 2 Thess. 3:10).
      3. Social. (Gal. 6:10; Jas. 1:27).

Conclusion:
1. Look for Jesus by doing His will in present world. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:14)
2. Realize present world is not the end, but means to end.
3. Realize future world depends on behavior in present world.