

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING (Part One)

- **Teaching about the end times is commonly known as Eschatology!**

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also!

Jesus told his followers - 'I will come again!'

All believers have a wonderful hope and an expectation that Jesus Christ will come again – and we will live with him in heaven!

Some observations...

- The Second Coming is well accepted
- The subject of many of books, movies, etc.
- Four main positions:
 - The Idealist view.
 - The Preterist view.
 - The Historicist view.
 - The Futurist view.
- Be careful who you read or listen to.
- Encourage reading *1 & 2 Thessalonians*.

Who will return a second time?

I will come again

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- In *John 13, 14, 15 & 16* Jesus taught about his departure, the coming Holy Spirit & his second coming!

This same Jesus

*Acts 1:9-11 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10: And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11: who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**”*

As you have seen Him go – you will see Him return!

The Lord Himself

- The early believers were expecting the return of Jesus in their lifetime.

If there was confusion then, it is not surprising there is confusion today!

- **Paul had to correct their understanding**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **14:** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **15:** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16:** For **the Lord Himself** will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17:** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18:** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Christ will personally come a second time!

HOW WILL JESUS RETURN?

It will be an amazing and dramatic event

• **He will return in like manner**

Acts 1:10-11 ... “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**”

They saw him go and we will see Him come!

With great fanfare

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 ***For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17: Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.***

- **With a shout**

In *John 11* Jesus cried with a LOUD VOICE – Lazarus was raised!

Jesus healed the lame man and said...

John 5:28-29 ***Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29: and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.***

- **With the voice of the archangel**

Matthew 24:31 ***He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, they will gather together His elect...***

- **With the trumpet of God**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ***...in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

His coming will be exciting and dramatic!

All believers will meet the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16: Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

- **Those who have ‘died’ shall be raised to meet Him**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ... We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – 52: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The living and ‘the dead’ will be united as we meet the Lord at his second coming!

Comfort one-another

Paul wrote to clarify and to comfort the early church about WHO was coming and HOW our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ will come again!

- **Jesus gave us clear assurance of His coming and heaven.**

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also!

- **Paul gives us comfort and encouragement to be ready.**

*1 Thessalonians 3:13 May he strengthen your hearts **so that** you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father **when our Lord Jesus comes** with all his holy ones.*

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Let us look forward with comfort, preparedness and expectation to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ!