**The Doctrine of Jesus Christ (Part 4)**

**Christ’s Return**

There is coming a day when Jesus will return to take those who have put their trust in Him to heaven. What a glorious day that will be. Jesus will return to earth as a powerful and glorious king to institute righteousness on the earth.

*Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus (Titus 2:13).*

* More will be shared about the return of Christ when we cover the doctrine of Eschatology (future or end times events).

**Question:**

What encourages you or frightens you about how the return of Christ could come at any moment?

When He returns . . .

1. The dead in Christ will be raised to life (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
2. He will reward His people (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10) after the Rapture of the church.
3. He will defeat Satan and cast Him in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:7-10).
4. He will judge the living and the dead who do not know Christ (Revelation 20:11-15).
5. He will rule this world (Revelation 19:15).
6. He will dwell with His people for all eternity (Revelation 21-22).

**Group Study**

**Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 to yourself**

**Now someone in the group read it out loud.**

**Observation – What does it say?**

1. Why does Paul not want these believers to be ignorant?
2. Why is sorrow over the death of a Christian less than the death of one who is lost?
3. What sounds will accompany the return of Christ?
4. What is the hope of Christians whether dead or alive?

**Interpretation –** **What does it mean?**

What truth about the coming of Jesus is Paul trying to convey to the church then and the church now?

**Application – Put into practice**

How should we live in light of His return?

How can the church be encouraged by Christ’s coming?

*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation. 22:20*

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