

# WHEN CHRIST RETURNS

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## INTRODUCTION

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A. *“And to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints,..”* (II Thess. 1:7-10).

1. Nothing is more clearly taught in the New Testament than the second coming of Christ.
2. Without the return of Christ there would be no resurrection and no eternal life.

B. IT IS IMPORTANT...NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND:

1. How He is Coming
  2. Why He is Coming
  3. When He is Coming and
  4. What will happen when He Comes.
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## CONTRASTS

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A. A Contrast of Events When Jesus Comes Is Found in I and II Thessalonians.

B. I Thess. 4:13ff.

1. Description of the coming of Christ from the viewpoint of a Christian.
2. How wonderful it will be.
3. Meet and be with the Lord forever.
4. “Wherefore comfort one another with these words”.

C. II Thess. 1:7-10. Out Text:

1. Having heard from Paul (I Thess.) What the coming of Christ will mean to the Christian.
2. The question now asked...what about the wicked.
3. II Thess. Is a view of what those who do not obey God can expect.
4. One is “words of comfort” the other word’s of warning.

D. MORE OF THE CONTRAST IS GIVEN IN:

1. “I Tim. 1:12; II Tim. 4:7,8).
  2. (See Heb. 10:31)
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## HE WILL RETURN

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### A. TAUGHT FROM BEGINNING.

1. *"..... who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven."* (Acts 1:11).
2. Even before Pentecost the disciples were taught to look for ...to watch for His Return.

### B. EVEN IN THE LORD'S SUPPER.

1. It is in remembrance of His life and death.
2. It is "till He comes" (I Cor. 11:26).

### C. WE LOOK FOR A SAVIOR.

1. *"For our citizenship is in heaven: whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* (Phil. 3:20).
2. We will be changed 9II Cor. 5;1-10).
3. *"Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is."* (I John 3:2-3).

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## FALSE TEACHINGS

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### A. Many False Teachings Have Been Given Concerning Christ's Coming.

1. Can't go into real detail here.
2. But important that we mention a few.

### B. THE RAPTURE THEORY:

1. Jesus will return and "rapture" the righteous away.
2. The rest will remain here on earth for 7 year's of tribulation.
3. Will be given a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to obey. If they obey (and who wouldn't) they will be "less saved" than the first group.
4. The Problem = absolutely none of this taught in Bible.

### C. THE MILLENNIUM THEORY: (A special 1000 yr. period).

1. Pre....Jesus will come and usher in 1000 years reign here on the earth...Like Jerusalem of old. Same place. Same people. Same Throne.
  2. Post... Jesus will come after a 1000 yr. and heaven begins.
  3. Both have the same problem as the "Rapture Theory"....they cannot find their teaching in the New Testament.
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## WILL YOU BE READY?

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### A. THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE QUESTION AT HIS RETURN.

1. *“..... that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (I Tim. 6:14).
2. *“And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.”* (I Pet. 5:4).
3. *“Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour.”*(Matt. 25:13).

### B. THE FOOLISHNESS OF DATE SETTING:

1. *“Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.”* (Rev. 16:15).
2. Every New Testament reference encourages us not to guess at a date.....  
BUT TO ALWAYS BE READY!!

### C. WHERE WILL YOU BE FOUND WHEN JESUS RETURNS???

1. List some places where you do not want to be.
  2. Now list some where you know you should be.
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