

Second Coming of Christ

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss the Bible truth's about the second coming of Christ.
2. We are living between two visits of Christ
 - a. He came into this world about 20 centuries ago - this is a matter of history
 - b. He promised to come again - this is a matter of prophecy
3. The second coming of Christ has led to much speculation
4. The information revealed in the Bible about the second coming is not speculation but is truth.

Discussion

I. THE CERTAINTY OF HIS COMING

- A. There are over 300 references either directly or indirectly to the coming of Christ
- B. John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."
 1. He is going to prepare a place = heaven
 2. He will come again = promise
 3. Jesus will keep His promises and will obey his Father's word
- C. The Apostles spoke of the CERTAINTY of His coming
 1. James 5:7 "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

2. 1 John 3:2 "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."
3. 1 Pet. 1:13 "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"
4. Phil. 3:20 MKJV "For our citizenship is in Heaven, from which also we are looking for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,:"
5. 1 Thes. 4:13-18

II. MANNER OF HIS COMING

A. First - He will come "With glory and power"

1. Mark 13:26 "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."
2. Matt. 24:30,31 "and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."
3. Glory = not lowly life like before but with splendor
4. Power = omnipotence and power

B. Second - It will be this "same Jesus"

1. Acts 1:11 "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."
2. Not a representative

- C. Third - It will be audible - John 5:28 "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice," - 1 Thes. 4:16
- D. Fourth - It will be visible - Rev. 1:7 NKJV "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."
- E. Fifth - It will be unannounced
1. 1 Thes. 5:2 "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."
 2. Foolish to fix the date as some have done - Many books are written picking the day of the second coming. As soon as someone predicts the day or time that prediction is wrong. Because we read...
 3. Matt. 24:36-37 NKJV "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."
 4. Matt. 25:13 NKJV "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."
 5. Like a thief in the night - 2 Pet. 3:10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

F. Sixth - He will be attended with avenging angels and flaming fire

1. II Thes. 1:7-10 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"
2. Matt. 13:41-42

III. THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

A. He is not coming ...

1. To teach, warn, invite as He did in His first visit or coming. No scripture hints at such
2. To offer Himself as a sacrifice
 - a. He did this at His first visit
 - b. Heb. 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."
3. To set up a kingdom
 - a. The Bible declares that the kingdom has been set up - Col. 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"
 - b. Jesus said in Mark 9:1 "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power."

- c. If it has not yet come then some people are getting very old.
 - d. Rev. 1:9 "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."
 - e. There is no indication that He will set foot on the earth
4. To give the rebellious a second chance - Heb. 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

B. These are the things for which Jesus is coming

- 1. To arouse the dead
 - a. John 5:28-29 "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."
 - b. 1 Cor. 15:51-52 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
- 2. He is coming to judge the nations
 - a. Matt. 25:31-33 "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left."

- b. Christ judges and separates the righteous from the evil
- 3. To reward every man
 - a. Rev. 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."
 - b. On some he will take vengeance - 2 Thes. 1:7-10
 - c. On others he will show mercy - I I Tim. 4:8 "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

IV. WHAT WE SHOULD DO

- A. Whether Christ comes soon or much later should affect us very little
 - 1. The main thing right now is that we have time
 - 2. This time gives us opportunity to prepare for heaven
- B. Christians should
 - 1. Hold fast to Christ - 1 Cor. 16:13 NKJV "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."
 - 2. Be patient always abounding in good works
 - a. The devil tries to discourage
 - b. Gal. 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."
 - c. 1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

3. Be faithful in your religious duties

a. "Not forsaking the assembly" Heb. 10:25

- (1) I would hate to meet God knowing I had intentionally and deliberately failed to assemble.
- (2) I would dread to see God if I had gone fishing rather than worship God
- (3) Rev. 2:2-5 "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."

b. We must remember the suffering of our Lord in taking the communion

4. If you as a Christian have not been doing your duty and have thus been unfaithful listen to what Jesus said

a. Christians can fall - 1 Cor. 10:12 "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

b. Should you just forget about your sins and hope God will do the same?

- (1) No! He will not forget until we repent and confess
- (2) Acts 8:22 "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee."
- (3) 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- (4) James 5:16 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

C. Sinners should obey the Gospel

1. II Thes. 1:7-9
2. If you will obey the gospel you will receive a crown instead of vengeance
 - a. Hear - Rom. 10:17
 - b. Believe - Mark 16:16
 - c. Repent - Acts 2:38
 - d. Confess - Acts 8:37
 - e. Baptized into Christ - Gal. 3:27

CONCLUSION

1. The second coming of Christ is certain
2. When He comes every eye shall see Him and every ear shall hear Him
3. When He comes He will not come to give us another chance to obey but to reward every man according to his deeds.
4. Therefore we should become a Christian and live a life of dedication and service unto Him
5. Then we will receive a crown of life
6. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" - Rev. 22:20b

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