

# THE SECOND COMING

## Session 3

## Recap:

## Week 1

- 1. Jesus will come to rapture His people.
- 2. Christ may return at any moment. We need to be ready.
- 3. Be ready by reaching souls for the Kingdom of God.

#### Week 2

- 4. Christians will receive new bodies at the time of the rapture.
  - Corruptible bodies will be changed to incorruptible.
  - Our new bodies will be an eternal body...one likely to with characteristics and qualities like Jesus' resurrected body.
- 5. There will be seven years of terrible suffering (from rapture to the millennium).
- 6. The second coming of Christ will be completed when Christ returns to earth after the tribulation.
  - Note: Jesus Christ will come in the clouds and call us to meet Him in the air at the beginning of the tribulation time period...and then will come immediately after the 7 years of tribulation to usher in the millennium kingdom. Two things to understand at this time:
    - 1. Jesus will be judge, jury and the executioner at the very end of the 7 year tribulation. You want to be sure you are on the right side when Jesus judges the secular world and all its ungodly and rebellious ways (Sin has a way of clouding the mind of the human being). Sin looks appetizing, feels good for a moment of pleasure, and always leads to death.

2. You want to be dressed in white and on the right side.

The anti-christ and the false prophet will be cast in the lake of fire at the end of the tribulation to burn forever (that's a long time), Revelation 19:19-21

# 7<sup>th</sup> Point: After the seven years of Tribulation, there will be a period of 1,000 years of peace and harmony on earth.

This is called the Millennium. "Mille"...means 1,000; "anum" means years....

Although the anti-christ and the false prophet are sent to hell, Satan and his fallen angels are banished (Satan chained) in the bottomless pit. There will be 10 centuries of heaven on earth. But it will not yet be the perfect, eternal state. Why?

Satan is very deceitful, cunning, and makes sure that his identity and actions are tempting...always counterfeit of God's actions.

God's Cabinet made up of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (The Trinity).

Satan's cabinet made up of Satan (angel of light), the anti-christ, and the false prophet (The Unholy Trinity).

At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released for 'a little season' to test the love, faith, and loyalty of those individuals born during the Millennium and therefore still untested as to their choice between right and wrong.

Why do you think God would allow Satan to test the faith and loyalty of those born during this time...and give them a choice to accept the peace and tranquil of life with God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit or...choose Satan and his lies, deceitful actions, and ungodly rebellious ways.?

The rebellion of Satan and those who choose to follow him will be short-lived. Fire will come down from heaven and devour the opposition. Satan will then be permanently cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10)."

# 8. There will be a terrible time of judgment upon all the wicked dead. Revelation 20:11-15

This is called the Great White Throne Judgment. All who appear here will face God before being banished into an eternity without Him to be with Satan and his cabinet forever/eternal punishment.

This eternal fate of those who reject Jesus should motivate every

believer to try harder than ever to reach the lost.

# 9. There will be new heavens and a new Earth.

"Revelation 21 begins with John's view of new heavens, a new earth, and the holy city (the new Jerusalem that comes down from God out of the new heavens to rest on the new earth). Peter tells us, 'The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare' (2 Peter 3:10), thus making way for the new heavens and earth.

#### The glorious description of this city is found in Revelation 21 and 22.

Whether symbolic or real, the description introduces us to the excitement and magnificence of eternity." Note: I tend to take the description literally. Who knows? The Bible is pretty clear that paradise, heaven, and the New Jerusalem is/are "more than our minds can comprehend." God loves us with a love we can't even describe.

# 10. God's clock is ticking.

- His calendar lies before us.
- His requirements have been defined in His Word. Jesus has paid the price so that absolutely anyone who chooses Christ can have the very best of futures.
- It is a fool's error to try to beat the clock by waiting for a later opportunity to accept Christ as Savior. The opportunity may never come.

Jesus said, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come (Matthew 24:42)

After knowing what we now know what should our next step be?

Jesus says it again, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour (Matthew 25:13).

**Watch**...No Commandment Appears more frequently in the New Testament than to "Watch!" Total of 196 times in the Bible.

- Watchfulness Should Be the Constant Attitude of the Christian Life (Romans 13:11; 1 Cor. 16:13)
- The Christian Must Be On the Watch Against the Wiles of the Devil (1 Peter 5:8)
- The Christian Must Be On the Watch Against Temptation (Matthew 26:41)
- Christians Need to Be On the Watch for the Coming of the Lord (Matthew 24:42; Mark 13:37; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

Every Person Should Live Every Day as If It Was His Last!

- The Christian Must Be On the Watch Against False Teachers (Acts 20:29-31)
- As the Christian Must Watch for Jesus Christ...Let Us Not Forget That Jesus Christ Is Watching!
  - √ "I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God," says the Risen Christ. (Revelation 3:2)
  - ✓ Christ is looking for something from us...Our love, loyalty
    and service
  - √ The things a man must do lies not in his hands...but, his heart.

If your heart is right...you will do what is right!

Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before!

