

# **The Second Coming of Christ**

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## I. Introduction. (John 14)

- A. Jesus: "I will come again."
- B. He will bring us to where He is also.

## II. Background of the Second Coming.

- A. This has always been a part of the church's teaching and hope.
- B. It has not always been emphasized the same though (e.g. with the Reformers).
- C. A new renewal of interest in the modern times.
  - 1. End times material received too much emphasis.
  - 2. Rationalism came on the scene.
  - 3. Science came on the scene.
  - 4. Liberalism developed out of all of this.
  - 5. Evangelicalism was "formed"-the traditionalists who still held to the major doctrines.
    - a. A dividing line was drawn between those who held higher the human mind than the mind of God.
    - b. The line was drawn between those who saw the Scripture to be inspired and those who did not.
- D. A renewed interest in prophecy and Pre-millennialism.
  - 1. Premillennialism regained attention through new attention given to Daniel.
  - 2. The doctrine of Premillennialism runs hand in hand with fundamentalism.
  - 3. All great Christians have been believers in the return of Christ.
- E. There has been a turning away from the teachings of the Second Coming.
  - 1. There has been a greater split between Premillennialists, Postmillennialists, and Amillennialists.
  - 2. To not teach the Second Coming is to neglect far too much Scripture.
    - a. He came first for sin offering.

b. His Second Coming is without sin offering.

III. The characteristics of His Second Coming.

A. There are warnings.

B. There are consolations.

C. There are a variety of wrong emphasis'.

1. The alarm clock.

2. The schedule and events.

D. The emphasis needs to be more on the Who and not on the When.

1. The bridegroom has been lost in the events and schedule.

2. Of course there are details and signs, but the Coming was always to emphasize His Person.

3. The Second Coming has become too theologized-it is a personal event.

E. It is perfectly possible to look wrong at the clock.

F. It will be His job to separate the sheep and the goats.

IV. How to react to it.

A. We are to teach all we know and hold to be true all that has been revealed and seek Him.

B. The manna of heaven is to look upon the Three Persons of the Trinity.

1. Moses desired Him.

2. David's greatest desire was to see Him.

3. This is why man was created.

C. It is beautiful to look upon God's loved ones, but it is much more beautiful to look upon the face of the Loved One.

1. It is like at a wedding-the bride will only remember the face of the bridegroom.

2. We are to be enamored with the Person of Jesus Christ - He whom we have lived for.

3. We ask not that God would send another prophet, but to send Himself.

**Application questions.**

1. What has been wrongly emphasized about the Second Coming? Why does this receive so much attention? What ought to draw our attention about Christ's Second Coming?

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2. Why is the doctrine of the Second Coming so important? What does it teach us about God? How is Christ's first coming different than the Second?

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3. What value is Christ's Second Coming to you? How should it be properly emphasized in your life? What should a proper appraisal of this coming event do to your spiritual life and personal evangelism?

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