THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. WHO IS COMING, WHEN, AND WHY?

- Who is coming? …Jesus
  - 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13
- When is He coming? …We do not know
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2; Matthew 24:3, 36
- What is He coming for? …To collect the faithful Christians and to cast out the disobedient
  - Matthew 25:32-33; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

2. FROM WHERE IS JESUS COMING, WITH WHOM IS HE COMING, AND HOW?

- Where is He coming from? …Heaven
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7
- Who is He coming with? …His holy ones (i.e., angels)
  - 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Matthew 25:31; Mark 8:38
- How will He come? …With a cry of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:52

3. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO CHRISTIANS AT JESUS' SECOND COMING?

- Will Christians, dead and living, arise together? …Yes
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:22-23; 51-53
- Where will these Christians meet the Lord? …In the air
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- Is the *rapture* Scriptural? …Yes (if understood properly, "caught up" refers to the final ascension at the end)
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Corinthians 6:14

4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO NON-CHRISTIANS AT JESUS' SECOND COMING?

- Will non-Christians, dead and living, come forth together? …Yes
  - John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15
- Will Christians and non-Christians come forth at the same time? …Yes
  - Acts 24:15; Matthew 25:31-32
- Will the Judgment occur at Jesus' second coming? …Yes
  - 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5

ARE YOU READY FOR THAT DAY TO COME? YOU CAN BE TODAY!

BE SAVED, BECOME A CHRISTIAN

- **Hear the good news** (John 1:1-3, 14; Romans 5:6-11)
- **Believe it obediently** (John 3:16; Hebrews 5:5-9)
- **Repent of living in sin** (Luke 13:3, 5)
- **Confess your faith in Christ** (Matthew 10:32-39; Romans 10:10)
- **Obey the good news, be baptized** (Acts 2:38-47; Romans 6:3-10)

REMAIN A SAVED CHRISTIAN

- **Grow more faithful** (Luke 19:17; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 1 Peter 2:21)
- **Bear spiritual fruit** (Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:15)
- **Be sound in doctrine** (Romans 6:17; Titus 1:9)
- **Be restored if unfaithful** (2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 1:5-10)