Christ’s 2nd Coming Unveiled!

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Text: I Thess. 4:13-18

### Intro

1. The Book of Revelation is the “Unveiling” of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:1):
   1. Revelation = “Unveiling” *(G602 apokalupsis [ap-ok-al'-oop-sis],* where word apocalypse comes from): disclosure, unveiling, to reveal
   2. Jesus revealed to John (Rev. 1:1-2) His true nature and what would happen when He returns!
2. Christ’s return was promised by:
   1. Jesus (Jn. 14:1-6), Angels (Acts 1:9-11), & Apostles (I Thess. 4:16; II Pet. 3:10; Rev. 1:7).
3. Peter said there would be mockers asking, “Where is the promise of His coming?”
   1. II Pet. 3:3-4, 9: It escapes them that the Lord is patient, wanting all men to repent!
4. People should ask, “What is the promise of His coming?” (Wrath or Glory? I Thess. 5:1-3, 9).
5. Jesus Christ’s 2nd Coming is for judgment & reward! *(Heb. 9:27-28; Rev. 11:18; 22:12)*

#### Events of Christ’s Return

* 1. The end of all things sounded!
     1. Shout of Christ, voice of Archangel, trumpet of God (I Thess. 4:16)
  2. Resurrection of all the Dead:
     1. Dead in Christ 1st (I Thess. 4:16); righteous and wicked same hour (Jn. 5:28-29); last day (Jn. 6:39-40, 54; 11:24); death subdued (I Cor. 15:22-26, 35-49).
  3. All people bow, praise God, and confess Christ – Rom. 14:11-12; Phil. 2:9-11
  4. Judgment of All People (Books opened – Rev. 20:12):
     1. Household of God 1st (I Pet. 4:17; Mt. 25:31-34); all will give account *(Mt. 25:31-46;* Acts 17:30-31; Rom. 2:5-10; 14:11-12; II Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-13)
  5. The Sentence will be Carried Out:
     1. Reward (Mt. 25:34, 46; Rom. 2:7); Punishment (Mt. 25:41, 46; II Thess. 1:8-9)
  6. Material World Burned Up – II Pet. 3:10-12
  7. Knowing how it all ends we are to be looking forward in readiness to that day!

#### Will Christ Come to Earth or Take Us To Heaven (or Both)?

* 1. Jesus promised to take His disciples to Heaven! (Jn. 14:1-6)
  2. His 2nd Coming is for judgment & to destroy the world (Heb. 9:27-28; II Pet. 3:11-13).
  3. Saints will be with Jesus in Heaven, not on Earth! *(Jn. 14:2-3; I Thess. 4:17)*

#### Comfort of His Promise

* 1. Our Hope is Secure (I Thess. 4:13-15; Heb. 6:19)
  2. When He comes again it is to take His saints home with Him (I Thess. 4:16-18; Jn. 14:3)
  3. Christ’s 2nd Coming is fulfillment of hope with which we are to “comfort one another!”

## Conclusion

1. Though death comes to us here, an eternal life awaits those who “have loved His appearing”

(II Tim. 4:8), and death will be the last enemy abolished (I Cor. 15:26)!

1. To be with Him in eternity: Love His (future, promised) Appearing like Paul did (II Tim. 4:7)!
2. Live in “holy conduct & godliness” and look forward to Christ’s 2nd Coming *(II Pet. 3:11-12),* being ready for that hour only the Father knows *(Mt. 24:36)!*
3. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
4. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
5. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!