

YOU NEED TO KNOW

BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD
KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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ALL ABOUT THE FUTURE THINGS – PART 2A

Knowing what you believe and why you believe it

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Introduction to the Doctrine of Eschatology (study of future things as revealed in the Bible)

There is a story that Dr. J Vernon McGee tells about a little boy who delighted in hearing the family's Grandfather clock chime on the hour. One day, as the little boy stood before the clock and listened to its great sound – he counted “9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, the clock kept chiming instead of stopping at 12; it was now at 16. With that the little boy ran to tell his mom, *“Mommy, mommy, come and see, it's later than it's ever been before.”*

We're studying the essential doctrines of Christianity,

and regarding Eschatology, the study of future things as revealed in the Bible, I want to make something very clear, not all Christian denominations agree on the timing of things, but all Christians agree that Jesus Christ is coming back and that He will establish His kingdom. This is one of the central doctrines of Christianity... **“Jesus is coming back!”**

The 1st century church, considered the Return of Jesus Christ to be the most preeminent thing, second only to the proclaiming of the gospel.

In fact Jesus said **“Hurry up and get the Gospel out there because the night is soon coming when no man can work.”**

Acts 1:6-11

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, *“Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”* **7** And He said to them, *“It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11** who also said, *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come again in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”*

We believe in the Messiah - Jesus Christ.

The very One who the Bible says is Coming Again, for the second time.

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1.) Why is it important for us to know the future?

1a.) Because God says it is - important

1b.) Because the Bible says it - it's the only book

1c.) Because We say it is - we're suppose to know

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2 Peter 3:3-5a

knowing this first: that **scoffers** will come **in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts, **4** and saying, *"Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."* **5** For this they are **willingly ignorant** ...

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2.) What is The Second Coming of Christ?

2a.) It is a two stage event

When reading the chapters and verses that deal with the Second Coming of Christ, the Bible student must read carefully the entirety of scripture relating to the event. Secondly, we must make sure that we read the full context of Scripture and thirdly, Scripture must be interpreted by Scripture and not by personal convictions or opinions.

So from the Bible we know that the second coming is both a deliverance phase and a wrath or judgement phase.

We know that the deliverance phase is sudden and without warning. We know that the wrath or judgment phase is described in great detail / It is revelatory in sequences and in intensity.

Matthew 24:1-3

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said to them, *"Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."* **3** Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, *"Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and what of the end of the age?"*

- There will be **false prophets** and false teachers.
- There will be an increasing amount of **wars and scale of war**.
- **Ethnic** groups will rise up against other ethnic groups.
- There will be dangerous **earthquakes**, famines, diseases, and violence.
- **Persecution** will increase.
- While at the same time the **Gospel goes global**.
- **Daniel 9** prophecies will begin to happen.

- Then the **Phase 2/2nd** Coming – His government of righteousness.

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WHAT IS THE SECOND COMING?

2b.) Stage One - The Rapture of the Church

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The Earthly Prophecies of the Church Will End @

The **Rapture** of the Church is the **first phase** of the **Second Coming** Events in the Bible. It is the **“Appearing of Christ”**.

What are the last-earthly prophecies concerning the church on earth?

!!!We Will Be Leaving / Changed!!!

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you 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** to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who **sleep** (the dead body) in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.** And the **dead** (the dead body) in Christ will rise first. **17** Then *we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.* **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

2 Corinthians 5:1-6

For we know that if our earthly house (the human body), this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, **3** if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. **4** For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that **mortality may be swallowed up by life.** **5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. **6** So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

I tell you a mystery: We shall not all **sleep** (die), but we shall all be **changed** - **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last (the last of the two) trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the **dead** will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **changed.** **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,** **21 who will transform our vile body** that it may be **conformed** to His glorious body,

The rapture is the great rescue taught in scripture.

Different than the physical return of Jesus Christ to the earth, the Bible teaches that there is an event coming when Jesus Christ appears in the atmosphere, in the sky!

1 Thessalonians 1:10a

"..wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from **the wrath to come**.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For **what is our hope**, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.** And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to **wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

It's Commencement Begins with...

Matthew 24:36-39

"**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. **38** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For **you yourselves** know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when **they** say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon **them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they** shall not escape. **4** But **you**, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake **you** as a thief. **5** **You** are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let **us** not sleep, as **others** do, but let **us** watch and be sober. **7** For **those** who sleep, sleep at night, and **those** who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let **us** who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint **us** to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for **us**, that whether we wake or sleep, **we** should live together with Him.

Matthew 24:44

Therefore **you** also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour **you do not expect**.

Worthy to escape ALL these things

Luke 21:34-36

"Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. **35** For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. **36** **Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape ALL that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.**"

What does "Worthy" to escape ALL these things Look Like?

Revelation 3:7-8 & 10

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,... **8** "I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; because you have a little strength, and you have **kept My word**, and **have**

not denied My name, - 10 "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will **keep you from the hour of trial** which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Watching for John Walvoord's Sports Car

Imagine for a moment that I'm going to tell you about something that has various aspects and facets to the general story. (1) The story is about a big yellow school bus that will come down the highway. You will begin to recognize it as a small little dot on the horizon. (2) But before that bus pulls up, I am going to come first and pick you up in my little red sports car. So, look around. All you want to see if you can see indications of a big yellow school bus coming because the larger it gets, then the sooner I'll be there in my little red sports car...

We need a final awakening Christian. The hour is late but the opportunities are great.

**"Watch and pray" Jesus said.
"Go to sleep" lulls the sermons.**

We must all agree - - Jesus said...

Luke 12:40

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<

End of Study

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