

The Second Coming of Christ

What You believe About _____ Determines _____ You Will Live _____.

THE HOPE WE HAVE AS CHRISTIANS

1. What Will Happen _____ His Return?

A. There Will Be _____.

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but ***see to it that you are not alarmed***. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are ***the beginning*** of birth pains.” - *Matthew 24:6-8 NIV*

B. There Will Be _____.

“You will be handed over to be ***persecuted and put to death***, and you will be ***hated*** by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other.” - *Matthew 24:9-10 NIV*

C. There Will Be _____.

“Because of the ***increase of wickedness***, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.” - *Matthew 24:12-13 NIV*

2. What Will Happen _____ His Return?

A. It Will _____.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a ***loud command***, with the ***voice of the archangel*** and with the ***trumpet call of God***, and the dead in Christ will rise first. - *1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV*

B. It Will _____.

We believe that God will bring with Jesus ***those who have fallen asleep in him...*** and ***the dead in Christ*** will rise first. - *1 Thessalonians 4:14,16 NIV*

C. It Will _____.

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come ***like a thief in the night***. - *1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 NIV*

3. What Will Happen _____ His Return?

And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore ***encourage one another with these words***.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 NIV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What’s one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- When you think about the second coming of Christ, how does it make you feel? Why do you feel this way?
- Knowing that Christ could return at any time, what’s one important thing you’ve been putting off doing tomorrow that you need to do today?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 24:39-44, and 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Are there things about the second coming of Christ that you find difficult to understand? If so, what are they?
- What do you think it will be like to be with God forever?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you pray this week to share the Good News—Maranatha?