

Forever: Eight Certainties In Every Believer's (Relatively) Near Future

An Exposition of 2 Corinthians 5

Certainty #5: You Will Witness The Return of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10

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The Lord's Day Morning

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“We believe in the personal, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Church, and His subsequent premillennial return to earth to establish His kingdom.”

–First Bible Church Constitution

The First Five Certainties

Certainty #1: You will experience adversity that God will *forever* work for your good and his glory.

Certainty #2: You will die and your temporal body will be separated from your *forever* soul.

Certainty #3: You will enjoy life after death with the Lord in the intermediate state.

Certainty #4: You will experience the uniting of your soul with your *forever* body in the resurrection.

Certainty #5: You will witness the return of Christ to the earth in your *forever* body.

The Complicated Case of Certainty #5

1. Christians _____ that Jesus Christ will literally and physically _____.

2. Christians _____ on the order of events before and after _____.

Pretribulational Premillennial View (Revelation 20 literally comes after Christ's return)
Adversity→Death→Intermediate→Resurrection→at Return.1→7 Yrs→Return.2→1000
Years→Judgment→ Forever

Historic Premillennial View (Revelation 20 literally comes after Christ's return)
Adversity→Death→Intermediate→Resurrection at→ Return→1000 Years→Judgment→ Forever

Amillennial View (We are figuratively in Revelation 20 now)
Adversity→Death→Intermediate→Resurrection at→Return→Judgment→ Forever

Postmillennial View (Revelation 20 figuratively happens before return)
Adversity→Death→Intermediate→ “1000” years→Resurrection at→Return→Judgment→
Forever

For the Generation of Believers Alive at His Return
Adversity→Transformation at Rapture or Return→(Your View Here) → Forever

3. Christians can find wisdom and comfort in the _____ lessons of Isaiah.