

X. Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.

The Doctrine of Last Things is also known as Eschatology.

“The last days” refers to the time between the first and the second coming of Christ.

The Doctrine of Last Things, or Eschatology includes:

General Eschatology:

1. The return of Christ
2. The resurrection of the dead
3. The millennium
4. The final judgment
5. Heaven & Hell
6. The renewal of everything created (also includes the removal of the curse of sin).
7. The Final State of all things. (This includes the New Heaven and the New Earth and the New City of Jerusalem.)

Personal Eschatology:

- I. Death
- II. The immortality of the soul
- III. The intermediate state
- IV. The resurrection of the body to life and/or death

Under the Doctrine of Last Things, Christians agree that:

1. Jesus is coming back

Titus 2:11-13

2. Jesus is coming back to judge the living and the dead

Acts 17:30-31

3. Everyone will be resurrected when Christ returns. Some will be resurrected to life and others will be resurrected to death.

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

4. There is a literal heaven and literal hell

Revelation 21:1–4, Revelation 21:8

5. Everything created will be made new

Revelation 21:1

6. The soul is immortal

Matthew 25:46, Ecclesiastes 12:7

7. The end of death for the believer

1 Corinthians 15:53–57

Denying these truths is a denial of the gospel and no longer constitutes Christianity.

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3. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment.

4. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.