

# The Return Of Christ

## I. Some Common Misconceptions:

- A. The doctrines of “millennialism” which state that there will be a 1,000 year earthly reign of Christ. Most believe in “pre-millennialism,” which has the “rapture” and period of tribulation occurring before the millennial reign.
- B. That a secretive, silent “rapture” of the saints will occur.
- C. That Christ returned long ago in 70AD and that the earth will continue to exist as it is (never be destroyed).

## II. What The Bible Teaches:

- A. We do not know when it will happen (Matt. 24:36; 1 Thess. 5:1-3).
- B. There will be no “signs of the times” (2 Pet. 3:3-4).
- C. Jesus will descend from heaven (Ac. 1:11-12; 1 Thess. 4:16).
- D. There will be an abundance of noise (1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52).
- E. Angels will accompany Christ (2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- F. He is coming to retrieve us, not to join us on earth (Jn. 14:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:16-17).
- G. There will be a general resurrection (Jn. 5:27-29; Ac. 24:15).
- H. We will be changed (1 Cor. 15:51, 35-44; 1 Jn. 3:2).
- I. The earth will melt with fervent heat (2 Pet. 3:10-13).
- J. There will be judgment (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:6-8)
- K. We will be sent to our eternal destination (Matt. 25:31-46).

## III. Are You Prepared?

- A. Either you are afraid (2 Cor. 5:11) or you are anxious (Rev. 22:20).
- B. If you have not obeyed the gospel plan of salvation (as it is found in the New Testament), then you should be afraid of the great day of God...
  - 1. Hear, believe, repent, confess and be baptized (Ac. 2:37-38).
  - 2. Remain faithful until death (Rev. 2:10).
- C. Christ could return at any moment which means that we must be ready at any moment to depart this life and enter the eternal realm.