

Christ is coming

Introduction

1. text 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2:19;3:13; 4:15; 5:1-2, 23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 2:1,3
2. Because some have weird theories about the subject of Christ coming we need to know the truth about it.
3. The second coming does have a prominent subject line in the New Testament. One in 25 verses deal with this subject.
4. 1 Thessalonians is one of the earliest epistles written and it has for its subject: Christ is coming!
5. Three important facets of the truth concerning the second coming are:

II Discussion

1. The Fact of His coming
 - a. The Lord announced it John 14:1-3
 - b. The angels declared in. Acts 1:11-12
 - c. The apostles proclaimed it. Hebrews 9:27-28 text
 - d. The resurrection Christ is proof. 1 Thessalonians 4:14; Acts 17:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:12-23
2. The Features of Christ's Coming
 - a. God shall announce it 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
 - b. The dead shall hear His voice. 1 Thessalonians 4:16; John 5:28-29
 - c. Earthly systems will be terminated 2 Peter 3:5-12; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54
 - d. Judgment day will take place 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 (day of the Lord)
 - i. All will be present Matthew 25:31-46;
 - ii. Evil will be destroyed 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; John 5:28-29
 - iii. The righteous shall meet the Lord 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:52
3. Facing the second coming
 - a. Prepared people will wait for the Lord 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
 - i. They wait in preparations as the wise virgins Matthew 25:1-13
 - ii. The prepared people have obeyed the gospel 2 Thessalonians 1:9 and are living for the Lord. Revelation 2:10
 - b. Prepared people watch for the coming of Christ 1 Thessalonians 5:6;
 - i. Jesus said to watch Matthew 24: 42,44; 25:13
 - ii. He will save those who look for Him Hebrews 9:28
 - iii. Faithful Christians are ready. 2 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 - iv. Unless men obey the gospel they are unprepared to meet the Lord. Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

III Conclusion

1. Time is wasted speculating about the Lord's second coming.
2. He is coming! But what condition are we in?
3. Are we ready to face the second coming.
4. Now is the time to prepare. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Sources: Christ is Coming sermon outlines on 1 & 2 Thess. By Tom Holland; Ready Reference by Paul Sain; Taylor on the Bible doctrine of final things. Woods, the second coming and other sermons