

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS SECOND COMING

(part 1)

What is the right foundation for the future?

The foundation of pride?

The foundation of materialism?

The foundation of denial?

The foundation of fear?

The foundation of hope!

Hope must be built upon truth.

The questions the Thessalonians were facing were:

Would they see their loved ones again?

Where were their loved ones now?

Would they face God's judgment when Jesus returned?

I. What Will Happen?

1. The Return: The Lord will come down from Heaven.

*With a loud command

John 5:25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

John 11:43, "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."

*With the voice of the archangel

Daniel 12:1, "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

*With the trumpet call of God

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

2. The Resurrection: The dead in Christ will rise.

Daniel 12:2, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Philippians 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

3. The Rapture: We who are alive will be caught up.

4. The Reunion: We will meet the Lord in the air.

1 Thessalonians 4:18, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

II. When Will It Happen?

Times & Seasons = Time & Periods

Acts 1:7, "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

Luke 17:26-27, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."

Suddenly: Like a thief in the night

Matthew 24:43-44, "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Certainly: Like labor pains

III. What Should I Do About It?

1. I should not be surprised.

2. I should be alert.

1 Thessalonians 5:5, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

3. I should be self-controlled.

Putting on faith & love as a breastplate

Putting on the hope of salvation as a helmet

1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."