

Jesus the Son
The Second Coming
I Thes. 4:13-5:4

Introduction:

The second coming of Jesus can either be a great day or a terrible day; it all depends on whether or not we are a faithful child of God. We know that Jesus is coming and that He will take all of God's children home on that day. The remainder will be sent into everlasting punishment. It is important for us to be prepared because we do not know when that day will occur.

- I. Jesus is coming back (4:13-17).
 - A. Scriptures tell of His second coming.
 - 1. I Cor 11:26 - For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.
 - 2. Heb 10:36-37 - For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: {37} "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry.
 - 3. I Jn 2:28 - And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
 - 4. Acts 1:9-11
 - B. Jesus Himself tells us of His coming.
 - 1. John 14:1-6
- II. Jesus is coming back to claim His own (4:13-18).
 - A. Reward for good
 - 1. Heb 9:28 - To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
 - 2. II Tim 4:8 - Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
 - 3. Mt. 25:31-40
 - B. Punishment for evil.
 - 1. Mt. 25:41-46
 - 2. II Thes. 1:3-10
- III. No one knows when He is coming back (5:1-4).
 - A. Often talked about as being near.
 - 1. James 5:8 - You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
 - 2. Rev. 22:7 - "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
 - 3. Rev. 22:20 - He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming

quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

- B. We must be prepared because we do not know when Jesus is coming again.
1. **II Pet 3:10** - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
 2. **Matt 25:13** - "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
 3. **Mt. 24:36-44**

Conclusion:

In I Thes. 4:18, Paul tells them to "comfort one another with these words." This day should be, and will be, comforting to those who have obeyed God. Will it be a comfort to you? Are you prepared to meet Christ?