THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

INTRODUCTION:

This Pauline Epistle is addressed to "the church of the Thessalonians" (1 Thess 1:1). Paul provided the Thessalonians with words of comfort by reminding them of the hope of their resurrection and the sure return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In this message, we will examine five facts related to The Second Coming of Jesus Christ:

- I. Christians Will Be Rescued (1 Thess 1:10)
 - A. Christ delivers Believers from the eternal punishment of our sins.
 - **B.** God is Faith He will deliver us (2 Cor 1:10).
 - **C.** The Day of Wrath is coming (John 3:18; 3:36; Rom 1:18).
- II. <u>Christians Will Celebrate</u> (1 Thess 2:19-20)
 - A. Paul considered the Thessalonian Believers as his children because he had pointed them to Christ and felt responsible for their spiritual growth.
 - **B.** The Crown of Rejoicing is for those who are faithful soul winners (Prov 11:30)
- III. Christians Will Appear Blameless and Holy Before God (1 Thess 3:13)
 - A. "Stablish" means to prop, support, fix, make fast, set
 - **B.** "Unblameable" means to be free from fault and blame, to be free from all charges.
 - C. "Holiness" means to be set apart and separate unto God
 - o (1 John 1:9; 1 John 3:2).
- IV. <u>Christians Will be Reunited with Believing Family Members and Friends</u> (1 Thess 4:13-18)
 - A. The Second Coming of Christ will be a Glorious Reunion (1 Thess 4:17-18)
 - B. It is a joy to know that when Christ returns, we will be reunited with Believing loved ones and friends and enjoy their company forever.
- V. Christians Do Not Know the Day Nor the Hour of Christ Return (1 Thess 5:1-2, 5-6, 23)
 - **A.** When is the Lord Returning? (v. 1)
 - **B.** "The Day of the Lord" (v. 2) will come "as a thief in the night" suddenly and unexpectedly (v. 5-6).
 - C. "The Day of the Lord" (v. 2) will come when Unbelievers feel a sense of security people will be partying and living it up even as they did in the days of Noah (Luke 17:26-30).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Second Coming Adrian Rogers
- B. The Second Coming of Christ is Imminent It could occur at any time.
- C. ABC's of Salvation

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).