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Reading: John 14 v 1-6

1Cor 15 v 51-52

Phil 3v20-21

1 Thess 4v13-18

Heb 9v24,26,28

James 5v8

1 John 3v2-3

Rev 22 v 7,12,20

Subject: The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

There are many references to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, possibly over 300 which is an indication of the importance of this subject and yet it is a subject that is seldom spoken of these days.

All doctrine is included in the Scriptures so that it might affect our behaviour and the way we live our lives.

In 1 Thessalonians 1:9,10, the Thessalonians had turned to God from idols so they could wait for His Son from heaven. Their citizenship was in heaven and they were actually looking for Him. We can be bogged down with this life and not giving priority to His coming again. We need a spirit of expectancy.

In Luke 12:37, the Lord Jesus said, "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching".

We should not drift along or be swept along with the things of the world.

There are three things to consider:

1. Remember the Lord at the Lord's Supper

We should remember the Lord at the Lords supper "till He come" (1 Cor 11:26). One day we will do it for the last time (1 Cor 11 v 23-26). If we thought it was the last time, would we be more thoughtful, exercised and focused.

2. Occupy until I come

In the parable in Luke 19:13, the instruction was "Occupy till I come". When nobleman returned, the opportunity to serve was over and the day of reckoning would

come.

When the Lord Jesus comes, the opportunity to serve and be busy will be gone. We have an allotted time and a task to do. We have to use our life's, gifts and talents to serve Him. At the judgment seat of Christ we will be called into account of our living not our sins.

3. Hold fast until I come

In Rev 2:23, the Lord gives a message to a church experiencing difficulty and opposition. Depths of Satan brought into the Assembly there by Jezebel. Whatever the pressures placed upon us we should hold fast until the Lord comes.

When is the Lord coming?

Paul taught as though the Lord would come in the New Testament time in his lifetime. Paul expected Him in his lifetime how much more should we expect Him now.

At any point, those who trust the Lord could be gone. We will exchange our natural bodies for glorious bodies with no pain.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God(1 Cor 15:50). We will be fitted for the heavenly realm. We shall be like Him and we shall see Him as He is. The consummation of our salvation is that we might behold his glory.

At that time, the door of salvation will be closed.

Do we all know the Saviour?

We need to trust the Saviour as He is coming at any time and then it will be too late. The Lord warns of this in Luke 13:25, "When once the master of the house is risen up and hath shut to the door".