**CHRIST, THE COMING ONE [A]**

**Acts 1:9 – 11**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Before Jesus left this earth, He spoke on numerous occasions of His Return.

 A. Mt 16:27; 24:30, 44; 26:64

2. As Jesus ascended into the heavens, two men in white apparel, commonly believed to be

 angels, announced His Return (Ac 1:9-11).

3. Every New Testament writer makes reference to the Return of Christ.

 A. Mt 25:13; Mk 8:38; Lk 21:27; Jn 14:3; 1 The 4:16; Heb 9:28; Jas 5:8; 1 Pet 5:4; Ju 14, 15

4. Those accepting the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures do ***NOT*** doubt His Return.

**BODY:**

**1. WHAT WILL BE THE MANNER OF HIS COMING?**

 A. His Coming will be with great demonstration and power (Mk 13:26).

 1. The resurrection of the dead, and the destruction of the heavens and earth are

 connected with the Coming of Christ (1 The 4:16, 17; 2 Pet 3:10 – 12).

 B. His Coming will be with great glory (Mt 16:27; Lk 21:27).

 1. What a sight to behold, the appearance in the skies of Jesus and His “mighty angels”.

 2. It will be a glorious event when He shall come to be glorified in His Saints, when His

 Shout will be heard throughout the domains of the earth; voice of the archangel will

 speak; trumpet of God will be heard; the dead in Christ shall rise first (1 The 4:16).

 C. His Coming will be with the clouds (Rev 1:7).

 1. As a cloud transported Him through the skies, so the Scriptures teach He will Come,

 again, in the clouds (Mt 24:30; 26:64).

 D. His Coming will be unexpected (Mk 13:32; 1 The 5:1 – 5).

 1. ***NO*** man knows the day or the hour of His Return.

 2. Like a thief, [it] will come upon the world.

 3. While Christians do ***NOT*** know the time of His Coming, it will ***NOT*** overtake [us] as

 a thief because [we] are *READY* for His Return (Mt 6:33).

 E. His Coming will be universally visible (Mt 24:26, 27; Rev 1:7).

**2. [WE] ARE TO WATCH AND BE READY FOR HIS COMING**

A. Jesus did ***NOT*** place emphasis upon the time of His Coming, **BUT** upon the necessity of being ready for His Coming (Mt 24:42).

 B. Because [we] know ***NOT*** the time of His Coming, [we] are exhorted to Be *READY*.

 C. The parable of the ten virgins was taught for the express purpose of teaching the

 necessity of always being prepared for Christ’s return (Mt 25:1-13).

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Indeed, Christ is Coming, again (2 The 1:6 – 10).
2. Tribulation for those who trouble and rest for those who are troubled (2 The 1:6, 7).
3. Know ***NOT***, Obey ***NOT*** (2 The 1:8).
4. The PRESENCE of the Lord, the GLORY of His Power (2 The 1:9).
5. Glorified and Admired (2 The 1:10).

2. That is ***NOT*** the question.

 A. The question is: Are [you] *READY* for His Return?

 1. If ***NOT***, why ***NOT*** (2 The 1:11, 12)?