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

**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. THE SECOND COMING WILL BE RECEIVED IN TWO WAYS**

A. The righteous will welcome the 2nd Coming.

 1. The Apostle Paul spoke of Christ’s appearing as the “blessed hope” (Tit 2:13).

 2. The Scriptures represent Christians as looking or waiting for, the Coming of Christ.

 A. 2 Tim 4:8; Heb 9:28; 2 Pet 3:11, 12

 3. Ushered in, with His Coming, will be those things consummating redemption.

 4. As the redeemed, with purified Spirits/glorified bodies, dwelling forever with Christ.

 B. On the other hand, the day of the Lord will be one of calamity for the wicked (Php 3:19).

 1. The thought of His 2nd Coming and judgment is always the fear/dread of the world.

 A. Those who have grown up under the influence of Christianity, **BUT** have ***NOT***

 yielded their lives to God, are ***NOT*** able to be at ease because of this thought.

 1. And, truly, it should fill their souls with anxiety.

 2. In that day, Jesus will be revealed to them, ***NOT*** as the ONE for whom they

 are longing, **BUT** as the ONE who comes in vengeance and flaming fire.

1. 2 The 1:7-9; Ju 14, 15

**2. THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE DAY OF THE LORD**

A. The angels will sever the wicked from among the just casting them into eternal fire.

 1. Mt 13:49, 50

 B. The angels will gather together the saved to be with the Lord (Mt 24:31).

 C. The opportunity of salvation will be forever withdrawn (Lk 13:24, 25).

 D. It will be a day of:

 1. Great Sorrow and Weeping (Lk 13:28)

 2. Eternal Separation, even of LOVED ones (Lk 17:34-36)

 3. Great Joy (Rev 22:12)

 E. The DEAD will be RAISED (1 The 4:16, 17).

**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)?