

**NEWCOMERS CLASS
ADDITIONAL READING**

**PART 1 – THE PERSONAL, VISIBLE, IMMINENT
RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST**

**PART 2 – THERE SHALL BE A BODILY RESURRECTION OF
THE JUST AND OF THE UNJUST**

I. JOHN 14 – ESTABLISH THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. In John 14:14 - Jesus promises that He “will come again.”

1. Jesus came initially as a baby to grow and become a man – the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.
2. Next we see Christ ascending into heaven with a proclamation that He will come again.

B. Acts 1:1 – Dispensational question – will Christ restore Israel?

1. The disciples asked if Jesus was coming to restore Israel – Israel was looking for a triumphant king to restore them to a level of political and social power and prominence.
2. Israel did not expect Jesus to come as a suffering servant – a savior.
3. Christ is not interested in Israel alone. He is establishing a kingdom made up of Jews and Gentiles; people of all different races, cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds.
4. During this dialogue Jesus ascended into heaven and the disciples were promised that He would return.

C. The promise of Jesus’ return.

1. It will be a **visible** return – Jesus will come back “like you saw Him leave.” There will be signs in nature preparing us for His return. Matthew 26:63; Luke 21:25-27; Acts 1:9-11
2. It will be a **personal** return – Jesus will return with ultimate salvation and judgment. We should live holy in anticipation of Christ’s return – glorious appearing. Hebrews 9:27-28; I Corinthians 1:7; I Thessalonians 5:23

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3. It will be a **sudden** return. – Matthew 24:27, 36
 - a. Corruption will fill the earth. – Genesis 6:11
 - b. We will be going about our normal lives when Jesus comes.
4. Be ready when Jesus comes back, live a holy and blameless life. –Luke 12:40; Titus 2:11-13

D. Why is Jesus returning?

1. He will bring to light hidden things (both actions and motivations) and bring final judgment. – I Corinthian 4:5
 - a. Saints believe they won't be judged. **Salvation** deals with things that we as saints have done before we accepted Jesus' provision for our salvation and redemption.
 - b. We should continually judge ourselves. God holds us responsible for sins that remain unconfessed and therefore unforgiven.
 - c. The shepherds or overseers will give an **account** for their sheep.
2. Jesus will give a reward to everyone according to His works. – Matthew 16:27
3. In **expectation** of Jesus' return, we should govern ourselves as children of light. – II Peter 3:10

E. Why hasn't Jesus returned?

1. Things need to be put in order. He will make our **enemies** our footstool. There are still enemies to be subdued by Jesus – Psalms 110:1; Hebrews 10:12
2. Jesus will return once the church has been restored – foundational doctrines will be restored to the church – Acts 3:18-19. There will be a restitution of all things.
 - a. After the Apostolic age, the church became prey to “many winds and doctrines.” The church became the state religion under Constantine. By 500 A.D. the church adopted many governmental forms. For the next 1,000 years the church moved into a place of Apostasy.

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- b. In the 1500's with the rise of Martin Luther, the restoration/reformation of the church began. There was a new understanding that salvation did not come from works but from faith towards God. Then the anti-baptists came on the scene with the restoration of believer's baptism (by immersion).
- c. the following is a quick review of the doctrines that have been restored to the church since the 1800's:

1800's – foundation for the holiness movement

1900's – The Holy Spirit was poured out around the earth – a manifestation of tongues on a corporate level.

1948 – The latter rain movement restored the laying on of hands

1950 – The Evangelist was restored

1960 – Biblical Pastors were restored

1970 – Teachers were restored – Principles of faith restored

1980 – Prophets restored

1990 – Apostles restored

- 3. Jesus is waiting for us all to come into the unity of the faith. The church has to come into a full place in God.
- 4. The church will be under servants, tutors and governors until it grows up. – Galatians 4:1-2
- 5. The end of this age will be one of the greatest times of harvest. The former and the latter rain will come together. James 5:7; Joel 2

II THERE WILL BE A BODILY RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST

A. There is a resurrection from the dead and judgment at resurrection.

- 1. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection, angels, etc. Acts 24:14-15; John 5:28-29; II Timothy 4:1; Revelation 20:4-5
- 2. There are really three (3) resurrections
 - a. Christ's
 - b. those that are Christ's at His coming, and
 - c. the end, that will be the rest. People will be brought forth for evaluation and judgment. I Corinthians 15:20-24

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3. I Corinthians 15:51-54 – We have the promise of immortality.
 - a. God alone has immortality
 - b. Man is in search of it
 - c. Discovered/brought to light by the preaching of the Gospel
 - d. There is a day appointed when we can put it on.

4. At the resurrection of the dead we will be brought forth incorruptible and immortal. At the appointed time God will gather the dead from everywhere, the seas, cemeteries, etc. the grave is the servant for the wicked and the just.

B. There will be eternal judgment. – Revelation 20;45, 11-12

1. **Judgment** is required for both the just and the unjust.

2. You will be judged for your **ways** and for the fruit of your doing – whether good or bad.

He who endures to the end shall be saved. This walk is not a sprint it is an endurance race.