

## **Deeper Life Notes**

*The Return of Christ: "What We Know for Sure"*

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*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV*

**Warm up:** What can you really count on? What do we really know for sure?

***\*CHRIST IS COMING, READY OR NOT, RAIN OR SHINE!***

**Read:** [John 14:3](#), [Acts 1:11](#), [Revelation 1:3](#), [22:7,12,20](#)

**EFCA Statement of Faith - 9. Christ's Return:** We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

### **FIVE ABSOLUTES OF CHRIST'S RETURN**

**1. CHRIST'S RETURN IS NOT AN " \_\_\_\_\_ " BUT A " \_\_\_\_\_ ".<sup>1</sup>**

Luke 12:40b - "The Son of Man is coming..."

Acts 3:21 - "the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke..."

2 Thessalonians 1:7 - "when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven..."

**2. CHRIST'S RETURN IS \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>2</sup> NOT "SPIRITUAL."**

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." - John 14:3 ESV

**3. CHRIST'S RETURN IS BODILY & \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>3</sup>**

Acts 1:11 - "Jesus... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthew 24:37-39 - "For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man..."

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<sup>1</sup> IF... WHEN

<sup>2</sup> PERSONAL

<sup>3</sup> VISIBLE

#### 4. CHRIST'S RETURN IS \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>4</sup>

Titus 2:13 - "Our blessed hope... appearing of the **glory** of our great God & Savior Jesus Christ."  
Matthew 24:30b, Mark 13:26, Luke 21:27, Philippians 3:21, Colossians 3:4, 1 Peter 4:13

*\*Why did the EFCA change the word "premillennial" to "glorious"?* (See link below)<sup>5</sup>

#### 5. NO ONE BUT THE FATHER KNOWS WHEN CHRIST WILL RETURN.

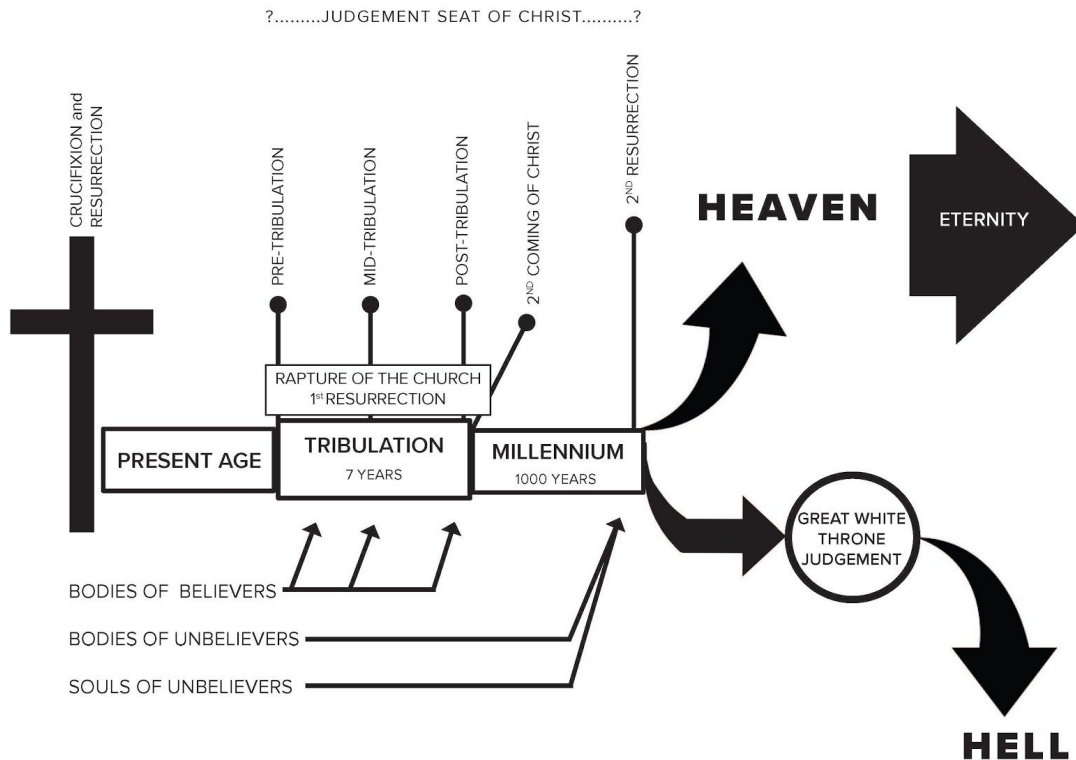
Mark 13:32-33 - "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

#### **\*HOW SHOULD WE LIVE IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RETURN?**

→ \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> **His Return** (Revelation 1:3a)

→ **Hear & Heed His Word** (Revelation 1:3b, 22:7)

→ **Hold On -- His Return is Near!** (Revelation 22:7,12,20)



<sup>4</sup> GLORIOUS

<sup>5</sup> *The Proposal to Amend our Statement of Faith: A Rationale for the Change* [Theology Resources](#)

<sup>6</sup> Herald