

The 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus
A Believer's Joy and Unbeliever's Terror
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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A. The Characteristics of Christ's 2nd Coming

1. It is certain: 1 Thess. 4:13-14
 - Jesus promised and He cannot lie: John 14:1-3
 - The Revelation declares it from beginning to end:
Revelation 1:7a, Revelation 22:7,20
2. It is literal: 1 Thess. 4:15, Acts 1:9-11
3. It is personal (two directions)
 - The Lord Himself appears: 1 Thess. 4:16
 - All human beings will see Him: 1 Thess. 4:17, Rev. 1:7
4. It is glorious: 1 Thess. 4:16, Rev. 1:12-18

B. The Implications in Christ's 2nd Coming

1. Death is banished forever
1 Thess. 4:13, 1 Cor. 15:16-19, 1 Cor. 15:54-57
2. Family separation is banished forever
1 Thess. 4: 17, Rev. 21:3-4
3. Perfect fellowship is enjoyed forever
1 Thess. 4:17b, 1 John 3:1-3
4. The Day of Judgment is imminent
1 Thess. 5:1-2, 2 Cor. 5:9-10, 1 Thess. 5:9, 1 Cor. 3:10-15