

Series: Systematic Theology Part 4
Title: The Return of Christ
Purpose: To examine when and how Christ will return.
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- I. There will be a sudden, personal, visible, bodily return of Christ
 - A. Matthew 24:44 - will come when least expected
 - B. John 14:3 - I will come and get you
 - C. Acts 1:11 - someday, He will return in the same way you saw Him go
 - D. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 - the Lord Himself will come down from heaven
 - E. Hebrews 9:28 - He will come again
 - F. Revelation 1:7 - Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven

- II. We should eagerly long for Christ's return
 - A. Revelation 22:20 - Yes. I am coming soon.
 - B. Titus 2:12-13 - we look forward with hope to that wonderful day
 - C. Philippians 3:20 - we are eagerly waiting for Him to return
 - D. We still commit ourselves to long-term projects because He wants us engaged when He returns - Matthew 25:31

- III. We do not know when Christ will return
 - A. Matthew 25:13 - you do not know the day or the hour
 - B. Mark 13:32-33 - no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen
 - C. Luke 12:40 - the Son of man will come when least expected

- IV. The final results of Christ's return
 - A. Judgment of unbelievers
 - B. Rewards for believers

- V. While there is disagreement over details
 - A. All believe scripture is inerrant
 - B. Are committed to teaching what scripture teaches
 - C. There are differences of interpretation but they need to be seen as disagreeing on secondary issues even as we agree on the primary issues listed above

- VI. Could Christ come back at any time
 - A. Verses predicting a sudden and unexpected coming of Christ - 1st set
Mat 24:42-44; 25:13, Mar 13:32-33, Luk 12:40, 1 Thes 5:2, Jam 5:7-9,
2 Peter 3:10, Re 22:20
 - B. Signs that must precede Christ's return - 2nd set
Mark 13:10, 13:19-20, 13:22, 13:24-25, 2 Thes 2:1-10, Rom 11:25-26
 - C. Only 2 possible solutions
 - D. Look again at each one from the **unlikely but possible** perspective (2nd set)

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