**The Return of Christ What do You Believe Outline**

**Acts 1:9-11**

A fast-growing group in our society called ‘*Preterist’* *or ‘hyper-preterist.’*

They believe some prophecies have been fulfilled, *hyper-preterist’* believe all prophecies have been fulfilled.

They say prophecies concerning the Second Coming of Christ already happened.

**Second Peter 3:3-4*, “scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,”***

We have nay sayers, scoffers, deniers, religious leaders who deny the Second Coming of Christ.

There are nine reasons from Scripture that verify the Second Coming of Christ:

**First, the Promises of God Demands that the Second Coming of Christ take place**.

Promise after promise found in God’s Word declares the return of Christ.

**Next the Teachings of Christ, Himself Demands, His Return.**

Christ’s own words make it clear He will return.

His earthly teaching was filled with references to His Second Coming.

Many of His parables spoke of it.

Entire chapters speak of His Second Coming **Matthew 24-25 and Luke 21.**

In **John 14:2-3** Christ told the disciples.

The credibility of God the Father at stake, and the credibility of His Son is at stake.

**Romans 3:4** says, ***“let God be true but every man a liar*.”**

Christ, on trial for His life, He boldly declared His Second Coming.

He told the High Priest, in **Mark 14:62**.

In **Matthew 24:27**, Jesus unfolded future events to His disciples.

Then is **verses 30-31**:

Several of the parables emphasize the truth concerning the Second Coming.

In **Luke 19:11.**

In **Luke 17:20-21**.

In Luke **19:12-27** Then in **verses 15-19.**

The three parables in the Olivet Discourse the parable of the two servants in **Matthew 24:45-51**,

The parable of the ten virgins in **Matthew 25:1-13**,

And the parable of the talents in **Matthew 25:14-30**, all underscore Christ’s return.

The book of Revelation, six times Christ said**, *“Surely I am coming quickly****.”*

So, the very credibility Christ depends on the Second Coming.

Not only the credibility of Christ depends on the Second Coming but:

**Third:** **The Testimony of the Holy Spirit Demands It**

Since ***“God cannot lie”*** **Titus 1:2**, His promise guarantees Christ’s return.

Jesus is truth incarnate that’s according to **John 14:6**.

The Holy Spirit, ***“the Spirit of truth”*** in **John 14:17; & 15:26**, testifies of the Second Coming.

The apostle Paul wrote these words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in **1st Corinthians 1:4–7:**

The Holy Spirit the author of Scripture confirms the promise of Christ’s coming **2nd Peter 1:20–21.**

Elsewhere Paul wrote, **Philippians 3:20.**

He encouraged the Colossians by saying, in **Colossians 3:4.**

Paul had much to say about the Lord’s return in **1st Thessalonians 4:16-17.**

The Holy Spirit confirmed the promise of Christ’s return in **Hebrews 9:28**:

You’ll find that promise reiterated in the epistle of **James 5:7-8**:

Peter penned similar Spirit-inspired promises in **1st Peter 1:13.**

Then in **1st Peter** **5:4:**

The Spirit confirmed this truth through the apostle John in **1st John 3:2**

Again, the Holy Spirit testifies that Christ is coming a second time.

Through the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit still testifies that Jesus is coming.

The fourth element that testifies of the Second Coming of Christ which is:

**4** **The Program for the Church Demands It**

God’s plan for the church also demands the return of Christ.

Acts 15:14 says, He is currently “***visit[ing] the Gentiles.”***

The church is to be a pure bride for God’s own Son, to be presented to Him at His Second Coming.

The imagery Paul uses in **2nd Corinthians 11:2**:

John’s vision included a vivid description of the wedding supper in **Revelation 19:6-9:**

That symbolism is based on Oriental weddings during New Testament times.

Every marriage in Scripture had three elements, symbolized the relationship of Christ with His church.

*The bridal price*:

**Genesis 31:15.**

**Genesis 24:53; and Judges 1:15.**

**Matthew 1:18-19**.

When Christ died on the cross, He paid *the bridal price* with His own blood.

Paul instructed husbands in **Ephesians 5:25-27**

In **Acts 20:28** Paul’s farewell speech to the Ephesian elders included.

The dowry has been paid.

Then you have:

*The betrothal*:

The betrothal was marked by a ceremony in which the bride and the bridegroom met.

Joseph and Mary were betrothal as per **Luke 1:26-38; and Matthew 1:18-25.**

Gifts given **Ephesians 4:8,** He has gone to prepare a place in His Father’s house look in **John 14:2.**

But it awaits a final consummation, next comes the marriage feast.

*The marriage feast*:

This event is depicted in **John 2:1-11** and in **Matthew 25:1-13.**

So, God’s program for the church demands the return of Jesus Christ.

So, thus far we have declared that:

**The Promises of God Demands the Second Coming of Christ take place**.

**The Teachings of Christ, Himself Demands It.**

**The Testimony of the Holy Spirit Demands It.**

**The Program for the Church Demands It**

We are going to stop here and pick up here the next time and look at the remaining 5 reasons for the second coming of Christ.

But let me give them to you:

**5 The Corruption in the World Demands It**

**6 The Future of Israel Demands It**

**7 The Vindication of Christ Demands It**

**8 The Destruction of Satan Demands It**

**9 The Hope of the Saints Demands It**