

The New Testament Church
Last Things #5 – We Shall Behold Him
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I The Doctrine of Last Things – Eschatology

- A. The Last Days began with Jesus' ascension – Acts 1 – mature the church accepting responsibility
- B. Our Church position – focus on occupying until He comes, not taking a position on how
 1. He will return in bodily form; be prepared if He comes today or occupy until He returns
 2. The Return of Christ is not a rescue mission; it is the culmination of the maturity of the Church in birthing a measure of the Kingdom on earth
 3. The foundation for understanding prophecy is how OT predictions were fulfilled in the NT and 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem (Jew) and applied today (Gentiles)
 4. We are marked (sealed) by God as a King and a Priest, but the mark of the beast is the worship of the State (king) or Church (priest) – centralized tyranny...

II The Parousia – the return of Christ

- A. The “coming” of the Lord – a King returns, is greeted face to face by His people, and they reign
- B. 1st Cor. 15:50-58 – at the last trumpet, dead in Christ raised, then we are changed to immortality!

III The Book of Revelation – Revelation 1:9-20

- A. John, the author, is a brother “in the tribulation” – fellow sufferer – Rev. 1:9-11
 1. In the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ – perseverance of His Kingdom
 2. v. 9 - “for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” – 12:11
 - a. Overcome by the blood of the lamb
 - b. Word of our testimony
 - c. Love not our lives to the death
 3. v. 10 - “I was in the spirit on the Lord’s Day” – loud voice as a trumpet
 4. v. 11 - “What you see, write in a book... and send it to the seven churches”
- A. A face to face relationship with Christ – the highest form of relationship
 1. Deuteronomy 5:4 – *fire* is between us and seeing God face to face and living
 - a. Genesis 33:30 – Jacob wrestled with Christ – “face to face” relationship
 - b. Ex. 33:11; Numbers 12:8; Dt. 34:10 – Moses knew His ways (Ps 103:7)
 2. Psalm 80:3,7,19 – Restore us, cause your face to shine (Ps. 67:1)
 3. 1st Cor. 13:12 – *now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face (know as I am known)*
- B. The resurrected and coming King – Jesus Christ – Revelation 1:12-20
 1. His **voice** comes in the midst of and through the Church (seven lampstands)
 - a. The “voice of many waters” (v. 15) – no one church will have it all...
 - b. God’s voice will manifest through many churches – different perspectives
 2. Clothed with a **garment** (righteousness) – Kingdom expression (Psalm 2, 133; Mt. 22:11-14)
 - a. The garment is our *character* – acting ethically – we trust He works in others also
 - b. Multiple churches and thus a Kingdom expression of righteous living
 3. **Head and hair** white as snow (the ancient of days – the Word of God – eternal) – Pr. 16:31
 4. **Eyes** like a flame of fire – He can see where no one else can see – Ps. 119:8; Mt. 6:22
 5. **Feet** like fine brass (judgment of God), refined in a furnace – Pr. 4:26-27; Eph. 6:
 6. **Right hand** seven stars (He is empowering His church with authority) – Psalm 110:1
 7. **His mouth** went a sharp two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12)
 - a. It separates motives, heart intent
 - b. It cuts both ways
 8. **Countenance (face)** shining in its strength – genuine love and concern