

What We Believe

ABOUT END THINGS (Part 2 of 2)

REVIEW

1. The Study of End Things is called **ESCHATOLOGY**.
2. The Study of End Things Should Include **INDIVIDUAL** Eschatology.

Hebrews 9:27, "...people are **DESTINED** to die once, and after that to face **JUDGMENT**."

- a. Death is the inevitable, undeniable **END** of each of us regarding our life on earth.
 - Ecclesiastes 12:7, "*The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who made it.*"
- b. Death is a Transition to....Somewhere Else....
- c. Death is Unnatural
- d. The Final word comes from Jesus Himself: Matthew 24:36-44.

3. The Study of End Things Includes _____ **ESCHATOLOGY**.

The Second Coming of Jesus is one of the most taught doctrines in the New Testament.

In **MATTHEW 24:36-51**, Jesus teaches us What to Believe about End Things

- a. Jesus teaches us that _____ the Heavenly Father _____ when (36)

- "But of that day or hour, _____ knows" – not even the _____ in heaven, nor even the _____, but only the _____.
- God's timing is what matters
 - Gal. 4:4 – Jesus came "*at just the _____ time.*"
 - Rom. 5:6 – "*At just the _____ time Christ died for the ungodly.*"
 - Mark 1:15 – "*The time has _____,*" the kingdom of God is near....
- **Q** – IF GOD HAD TIMING FOR HIS SON'S FIRST COMING, DOESN'T IT SEEM RIGHT THAT HE HAS HIS TIMING FOR HIS SON'S SECOND COMING?
- **[ASIDE]** – Matt. 24:32-35 is *NOT* speaking of Jesus' Second Coming. Here is where we have confusion in the religious world about "End Times."

- b. Jesus uses three illustrations to teach us _____ his return will happen (37-41)

- The true story of Noah's flood.
- The story of two men in the field.
- The story of two women grinding at a mill.

The Second Coming of Jesus will be _____.

• In verse 39, Jesus said “*That is how it will be at the _____ of the Son of Man.*”

• 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 uses three illustrations to teach us how _____ and _____ will be the Second Coming of Jesus.

- Thief in the night (also used elsewhere).
- People saying “peace and safety.”
- Birth pains.

• 1 Cor. 15:51-52, Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a **flash**, in the **twinkling** of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

c. Jesus teaches us the we must keep _____ and be _____ (42-44)

• Matthew 25:1-13.

d. Jesus uses the Parable of the Servant Who is Put in Charge to teach us to be _____ and _____. (45-51)

• The faithful and wise servant is found doing what his master had put him in charge to do. He was _____ for his faithfulness.

• The unfaithful servant becomes slack in his faithfulness. He foolishly takes advantage of the master’s long delay. He is punished for his disobedience.

- Jesus calls this unfaithful servant “_____” in verse 48.
- 2 Peter 3:1-18 is a good passage for us to hear and remember.