

THE COMINGS OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

- I. At this season of the year, we are made aware of the birth of Jesus.
 - A. Though we do not know the exact day of the year of His birth (and we are not authorized to make a celebration day **of** His birth) we are glad that the world even thinks of Jesus at all—any time of the year.
 - B. In this day of atheism and materialism, we are at least glad there is a crack in the door to bring the full teachings about Christ and His word to the world.
- II. In this lesson we shall speak on “The Comings of Christ”, as revealed in scripture.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, we shall consider the FIRST COMING OF CHRIST.

- A. From eternity, God purposed to send Christ into the world. 1Pet.1:19f
 1. In Eden, God promised Satan that the Saviour would come. Gen.3:15; Gal.4:4f
 2. Old Testament prophets spoke of His coming. Isa.7:14; 53:1-3; 11:1; Zech.6:12f
- B. What if Christ had **not** come?
 1. 1st, it would mean the prophets were wrong, and the entire Bible of prophecies and fulfillment is unreliable.
 2. 2nd, the law of Moses (if **it** is reliable) would still be in force, because Christ would not have fulfilled it. Mt.5:17f; Ga.3:19; Col.2:14
 3. 3rd, it would mean that since the Jews were still under Moses' law, that we non-Jews would still be under the Patriarchal system and probably practicing paganism or idolatry.
 4. 4th, it would mean that our calendar system would not be B.C. and A.D., but now most all the world recognizes the coming of Christ.
- C. What did Christ **do** when He came?
 1. 1st, He fulfilled the law, keeping it perfectly and left us a good example. Mt.5:17; 1Pet.2:21f
 2. 2nd, Christ performed many miracles that are written to convince unbelievers of His saving power. Jn.20:30f
 3. 3rd, He gave authoritative teaching that has changed the world.
 4. 4th, Christ died on the cross to save us from sin's consequences. Jn.19:31-34; Mt.26:28
 5. 5th, Christ was buried in a borrowed tomb and raised to show His Sonship and offer unto us eternal life. Ro.1:4; 1Co.15:1-4
 6. 6th, Christ ascended into heaven to be our King and High Priest. He.8:1; Ac.2:34-36

II. Now, let's consider the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

- A. It was promised in scripture that Christ would come again. Jn.14:1-3; Ac.1:9-11; He.9:28
- B. What will the second coming of Christ **bring**?
 1. 1st, it will bring an **end** to all things temporal and material. 2Pe.3:10
 2. 2nd, it will bring **deliverance** of the saved to God. 1Co.15:23f
 3. 3rd, it will bring the **judgment** day of the Lord. Jn.5:28f; Mt.25:31f
 4. 4th, it will bring the **resurrection** of the dead. Jn.5:28f; 1Th. 4:13-18

CONCLUSION

- I. Finally, **when** will He come again? Mt.24:36
- II. It will be a great and glorious day for Christ and the redeemed.
- III. Are you among the redeemed?

