

Series: The Model Church

Title: The Model Confidence

Text: (1 Thes 4:13-5:3)

The Greatest Prophetic Biblical Event: 2nd Coming
A Tremendous Emphasis

New Birth: 9 Times

Baptism: 20 Times

Repentance: 71 Times

380 verses reference the 2nd Coming

1 of every 25 point with an eager finger to the 2nd coming.

Andrew Maclaren:

Not looking for the Undertaker, but the Upper Taker.
Not a cleft in the ground, but a cleft in the sky.

Library of Congress: Jefferson Building is inscribed.
In the Main Reading Room has above the figure of
History: "*One God, one law, one element, and one
far-off Divine event, to which the whole creation
moves.*" – Tennyson,

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant,

(unaware)

brethren, (Christians)

concerning them which are asleep,

(Christians that have passed away)

Sleep is a picture of Death

Awaking from Sleep is a picture of the Resurrection.

***that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no
hope.***

(3 Terrible Human Conditions)

Ignorance, Sorrow, Hopelessness

Living the lives of despair

(We have hope for the dead believers in Christ)

Departed Believers are living with Christ Now!

(Vs 14) "*God will bring WITH Him*"

(Lk 23:43) Jesus told the thief he would be with
Him that very day!

(2 Cor 5:8) Absent from the Body.

(Jn 8:51) Death=Eternal separation

They live face to face with them now!

They see His face Now!

(We, the living believer, has hope in Christ)

(Resurrection, Reunion, Revelation)

(Vs 13) *But I would not have you to be ignorant,
brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye
sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

***The Model church had a Model Confidence...
Because of Christ.***

***[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose
again,***

(Rom 10:9-10)

(John 6:40) *And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (Dan 12:2-3)

The English word rapture is not used in the Bible. But the Greek word Harpazo appears on four different occasions.

(Acts 8:39) Philip being caught up by the Holy Spirit. “Caught Up” - Harps

(John 6:15) the mob wanted “to take him by force” - Harps

Neither Grave nor Gravity would be able to hold us.

(1 Cor 12:1-2) “carried away” - Harpazo
Transported from one place to another

(Acts 23:10) “take him by force” - Harpazo
Delivered from danger
Paul calls it a mystery in (1 Cor 15:51-52)

Illus: *The Magnet Crane*

It wouldn't pickup all the Metal.

Only the Iron/Steel.

Whether on top the ground or pressed into the ground.

Iron/Steel has the same nature as the Magnet.

All believers have the same nature as Jesus Christ!

If you have been Heaven Born then you are Heaven Bound.

(1 Cor 15:48-49)

What Jesus did for us is the Assurance of our Resurrection.

[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

(Rom 8:11) The Same Spirit that Raised Jesus will raise us.

(2 Cor 4:14) It all hangs on Jesus!

(Acts 1:11) This Same Jesus that rose from he dead.
This same Jesus will raise us from the dead.
The Incarnation w/o the Coronation is like East w/o west

In Like Manner...

Our Salvation w/o our Glorification is no Salvation at all.

His resurrection is God's pledge of our Resurrection.

The Word of the Lord is our Assurance:

[15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

A. We know this is true by the Word of the Lord.

(1 Thes 2:13) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1/3 of the bible is about the 2nd coming of Christ.
the First and Last promises in the OT & NT are about the 2nd coming of Christ.

(John 6:40) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Who is involved in this?

[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

A. the Appearance of Jesus Himself!

B. Shout: Military Command-Martial His Army

(Jn 11:43) Lazareth Come Forth!

Shout ENOUGH! Suffering, Death, indignities, hopelessness, sickness, disease, time.

(Rev 1:10) It is Christ that will shout!

C. Dead Believers Rise 1st: Only those that believed on Jesus! Not Lost People.

Because of the love & Tenderness of Christ, because those that have suffered through the pains of death will be attended to 1st.

The Dead in Christ.

(Rev 20:5-6) No General Resurrection of everyone all at one time.

If you have been born Twice, you will only die Once.

If you have been born Once, you will die Twice and wish you had never been born at all.

There is not a General Rapture.

(Luke 17:34-37)

Some would be in bed, some at work.

God know that the earth was round & the sun is always shining on the earth somewhere.

Regeneration of the Dead:

(Vs 16) *the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

A Resuscitation, Dead body brought back to life.

The Soul & Spirit reunited

A Reclamation: of the dead body that returned to dust

A Recovery: Of the Scattered Parts

The Sea will heave forth the Dead.

The Sands of the Desert.

The Graveyards will look like plowed fields.

A Reconstruction of the Living

(1 Cor 15:51-54)

Our Bodies are Sinful.

(1 Cor 15:50) *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

Our Bodies are not suited for Heaven.

They must be changed to one Suitable for heaven.

Rescue from the Time of Jacob's Trouble.

God is going to take this church out:

(1 Thes 1:9-10)

We are God's people, serving at God's Embassy.

God will call home His Ambassadors before declaring War. (Jude 15)

(1 Thes 5:9)

Reunion of the Saints: (1 Thes 4:17) *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

Reception: (John 14:3) *Receive you unto my self*
(Song 2:10) *Come away with me*

Where will this be? (1 Thes 4:17) In the Air

When is this going to happen?

When the Lord returns

(1 Cor 15:51-52) In a Moment. In a Twinkling of a eye.

(Matt 24:36) No One knows the date or the hour.

(Matt 24:38) Like the days of Noah.

(Matt 24:42) Watch

(Matt 24:44) Be Ready

[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

[1] But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

No point in discussing it, because no one knows, but God the Father.

Only the Father knows when Enough is Enough.

What about the Signs of the Times: (Matt 24:3)

The Rapture ushers in the Great 7 year Tribulation, then The Lord's Return to the Earth.

The 2nd Phase of Christ's Return

(Jude 14-25)

(Rev 19:11-16)

(Matt 12:39)

(Lk 21:7-11)

(Lk 21:12-15) Don't seek the sign, be busy serving

(Matt 24:4-8)

What does Christmas Items on the store shelf, a Sign of?

It's Christmas time? NO

That Thanksgiving is almost here.

Sorrows~Birth pains

[2] For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

(2 Pet 3:3-10)

Even in Peter's Day, they mocked this.

Suddenly & Unexpectedly.

The Day of the Lord will come when Unbeliever's feel a great sense of Security.

[3] For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

They/Them/They~Lost People

(Luke 17:26-30) The World will have a great sense of security & safety.

The Day of the Lord will be a Day of Catastrophic destruction: (Vs 3) *"then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child;"*

Totally Unexpected

(Is 13:6-8)

The Day of the Lord will be a day no escape:

"and they shall not escape."

(Matt 23:33) *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

It is Gods mercy that is withholding this day.

Enoch was proof that God can Rapture at any time he wants: (Heb 11:5)

"not found" means they looked for him

It is Gods Mercy that is withholding this day. (2 Pet 3:9)

1 day soon, Mercy will give way to Judgement.

Who will be the first arise with Christ?

How does this comfort the living?

Are you ready?

How does this affect the way you live?

If Christ came today, would you be ready?

What can we do to be prepared?

Are you Heaven Born?

Are you Ready to Meet Him?

Are you Clean?

Are you Baptist Scripturally?

Are you a member of 1 of His churches

Are you Serving?

Are you Bearing Fruit?

What can we do to help others be prepared?