

A CHRISTIAN'S PERSPECTIVE

1Th.4:13-18

This passage views the second coming from a Christian's viewpoint.

This lesson focus is narrowed to only this viewpoint.

Our hope in Christ is based on faith which enables us to KNOW and be ASSURED:

(1) that there will be a resurrection.

(2) of certain aspects of His return.

Jesus is "first-fruit" (assurance). 1Co.15:20-23

Communion reaffirms such faith. 1Co.11:26

Commitment to live for Him declares it.

For we labor with expectation. ". . . for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day."

2Ti.1:12

HIS SECOND COMING PRODUCES:

Comfort. (Text)

Hope (which is not in vain. 1Co.15:12-19)

Joy over

Resurrection from the dead.

Perishable earthly body to be changed (If alive at coming). 1Co.15:51-54

Victory over death. 1Co.15:54b-57

No more death and accompanying agony. Rev.21:4

Crown of glory/righteousness. 2Ti.4:8 (1Pe.5:4)

Being at home with God. Rev.21:3

New abode (new heaven and earth). 2Pe.3:10-13

Peace and patience (endurance).

Aids while "suffering as a Christian." 1Pe.4:12-16

Puts fear of men in proper perspective. Mat.10:28-32

Helps us endure trials. 1Pe.1:6-9

VARIOUS ADMONITIONS LINKED TO SECOND COMING

"Comfort one another with these words." (text :18)

"Be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding." 1Co.15:58

"Abide in Him." 1Jo.2:28

"Everyone who has this hope...purifies himself." 1Jo.3:3

"Be diligent, be on guard, grow in grace, knowledge." 2Pe.3:14-18

"He who overcomes shall inherit..." Rev.21:7

SECOND COMING FOR CHRISTIANS WILL BE A WELCOMED SIGHT

May each one here be a faithful follower of the Lamb.

Loving His first coming, you'll love His second coming. 2Ti.4:8b

If not faithful to Him, His second coming is a dreaded event! Rev.6:16-17

1 John 2:28 *And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.*