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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Since the Lord ascended into Heaven some fifty days after His resurrection, a great deal of attention has been given to His second coming. Much which has been written and taught in religious circles concerning His second coming has been filled with error. Some do not believe in the Lord's second coming. Many believe that His coming is imminent and that there are signs which indicate this. God has not left us without answers about the Lord's second coming. What does the Word of God teach about the second coming of Christ?

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
 AM 580 WKSK
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Jesus promised that He would come again. He said to His disciples, "...I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). "And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). Jesus also said, "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory with all the holy angels with him..." (Matt. 25:31).

**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

The angels announced that Jesus would return. The very first message given to men from heaven after the

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Interesting Facts About 2 Corinthians

AUTHOR: Paul
TIME WRITTEN: 57 A.D. from Ephesus
POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 47th Book in the Bible
- 8th Book in the New Testament
- 3rd of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 4th of Paul's 13 books
- 19 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 13
VERSES: 257
WORDS: 6,092

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 2 CORINTHIANS:

- Paul established the church in Corinth on his second missionary journey.
- Two of Paul's letters are written to the church at Corinth.
 - 1 Corinthians
 - 2 Corinthians
- After 1 Corinthians had been received the church in Corinth, false teachers had entered in and stirred the people up against Paul. They claimed he was:
 - Fickle
 - Proud
 - Unimpressive in appearance
 - Unqualified as an apostle of Jesus Christ
- Paul penned 2 Corinthians in order to:
 - Express his thanksgiving for the repentant attitude that resulted from their having received 1 Corinthians.
 - To appeal to the rebellious members among them to accept his authority as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
- Titus and another brother carried 2 Corinthians to the church at Corinth.


■ When Paul made his third trip to Corinth, he wrote the Roman letter to the brethren in Rome.

■ 2 Corinthians 8-9 is the longest discussion of the principles and practice of giving found in the New Testament.

■ The city of Corinth:

- After Corinth was destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C., the city was rebuilt by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C.
- The capital of Achaia.
- Its official language was Latin.
- Its common language was Greek.
- In Paul's day the population was about 7000,000 people.
- 3/5 of the population were slaves.
- Was filled with shrines and temples.
- Temple of Aphrodite, located on top of the 1,800 foot tall promontory called the Acrocorinthus, had some 1,000 temple prostitutes.

■ To "act like a Corinthian" became a synonym for debauchery and prostitution.



"You are our epistle written in our hearts,
 known and read by all men."
 2 Corinthians 3:2

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ascension of Christ was given by angels. “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). The angels also will accompany Jesus when He returns (Matt. 13:41).

The inspired writers of the New Testament taught that Jesus would return. “For the Lord himself will 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” (I Thess. 4:16). Peter wrote of scoffers who would ask, “Where is the promise of his coming,” and replied, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come...” (II Peter 3:4,9,10).

The Lord’s second coming will be visible to all men. Many believe that when the Lord returns the saved will be raptured up into heaven and that no one will see Him. In the first place, the idea of a rapture is completely foreign to the New Testament. Furthermore, the Scriptures teach that when the Lord returns everyone will see Him. “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him” (Rev. 1:7).

At the Lord’s second coming everything of a material nature will be destroyed. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” (II Pet. 3:10).

At the Lord’s second coming, all the dead will be raised. While some believe that there will be two resurrections at two different times, the Scriptures teach that there will only be one resurrection. “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.” (John 5:28,29).

The time of the Lord’s return is unknowable to man. It is not within man’s power to know when Jesus will return. The Lord said, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only” (Matt. 24:36). Peter wrote, “But the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night...” (II Pet. 3:10). A thief uses the element of surprise; even so, when the Lord returns no one will be expecting Him. Paul wrote, “But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night...” (I Thess. 5:1,2).

The lesson for us: BE PREPARED! “Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44).

The Will of God

The WILL OF GOD is simply the wishes of God for mankind!
The WILL OF GOD is something to be KNOWN by man!
The WILL OF GOD is something to be DONE by man!

<p>GOD WILLS THAT MEN BE SAVED ☩</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. He has made all provisions for such. Matthew 1:212. He has provided “the will” for man to obey. Matthew 7:213. He has given eternal life as a free gift. Romans 6:234. He is not willing that any should perish. 2 Peter 3:9	<p>GOD WILLS THAT MEN BE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE ☩</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Romans 8:28• Hebrews 5:8-9)
<p>GOD WILLS THAT PEACE EXIST ON THIS EARTH ☩</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Man is commanded to live in peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11; Romans 12:182. Man is commanded to seek peace. 1 Peter 3:113. Man is commanded to be found in peace when the Lord comes. 2 Peter 3:14	<p>GOD WILLS THAT WE GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS ☩</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Thessalonians 5:18• Ephesians 1:16• 1 Timothy 2:1-2
<p>GOD WILLS THAT WE ABSTAIN FROM EVIL ☩</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Thessalonians 4:3	<p>GOD WILLS THAT WE PRAY ACCORDING HIS WILL ☩</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 John 14:13• 1 John 5:14

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“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:21-23).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 5 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class
- July 12 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service (Song Service)
- July 29-Aug 2 – Spring/Lansing Barn Meeting with Daniel Koen
- Aug 2 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters