

# WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 21]

HERE I COME, READY OR NOT  
(CONTINUED)

*Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18*

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## Introduction

- Secular World View VS Christian World View Regarding Earth And Humanity's Future.
- The 1st says, the world and humanity will all one day be doomed - the victim of some cataclysmic event.
- The same view says, all we have to look forward too is a return to dust and nothingness.
- The 2nd says, there will be the creation of a new earth as a result of Christ coming **'the Second time.'**
- What other events result from Christ's Coming?

## 1 The Resurrection Of The Believer

- [1 Thess 4:16] **"the dead IN CHRIST ( Gk: ston Christo) will rise first."**
- This is **'only'** the experience of the **'Christian dead.'**
- Millions upon millions of souls resurrected stretching back as far OT saints even to Adam.
- The Christian dead are not going to miss this **'climax of the ages.'**
- They will be **'re-created'** regardless of what state of decay their mortal remains are in.

- For the Christian dead, death is not the end. Its just the end of the beginning.
- Other religions (Buddhism, Sikhism & Hinduism) believe in '**re-incarnation.**'
- This is an endless cycle of birth, death, re-birth, death and re-birth.....
- Nor is it existing as a dis-embodied spirit but rather in a resurrection body at Christ's coming.
- **NB.** The ungodly will also experience a bodily resurrection to stand in God's judgement.

### **There are 2 resurrections**

- For the believer: [John 5:29], [Luke 14:14], [Hebrews 11:35], [Revelation 20:5/6].
- For the unbeliever: [John 5:29], Daniel 12:2].
- The truth of the '**believer's resurrection**' is such a comfort when we lose one who has died '**in the Lord.**'
- This great truth is reflected in many of the great hymns of the church.
- Christians often put the words on head stones '**till He comes.**' The grave and death is only **UNTIL** Christ comes. Hallelujah.

## **2 The Believer's Glorification**

- This is the last of the links in the '**golden chain**' of redemption. (The '**Ordo Salutis**').
- Consider [Philippians 3:20/21], [1 John 3:2], [1 Corinthians 51 - 54].
- **NB.** Our glorification takes place in the twinkling of an eye **NOT** the Coming of Christ and attendant events.
- We will inherit a body that will have eternal health and mobility. No disease. No aging.
- It will be a body with no ability to sin.
- The '**optimum**' of His Coming will be '**to see His face.**'
- "**Face to face shall we behold Him.**"

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