

- I. Christ Will Return (Acts 1:11,15).**
  - A. When Christ returns every eye will see him (Rev. 1:7).**
  - B. There will be mourning and rejoicing when Christ returns.**
    - 1. Unbelievers will mourn because God’s wrath is about to come upon them (Rev. 6:16,17).**
    - 2. Believer will rejoice because their day of great reward has arrived.**
  - C. When Christ returns the faithfulness of his followers will be rewarded in at least two ways.**
    - 1. They will be in Christ’s glorified presence and receive a glorified body (1 John 3:2).**
    - 2. They will receive awards (crowns) for faithful service (see 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Thess. 2:19; James 1:2 and Rev. 2:10; and 1 Pet. 5:2-4); Jesus will hand out these crowns (2 Cor. 5:10); Jesus will use the Word to determine what will be rewarded (Jer. 23:29 and 1 Cor. 3:11-15).**
- II. Waiting for Christ’s Return (1 John 2:29 and 3:3).**
  - A. While we wait for our blessed hope (see Titus 2:13), we must purify ourselves and do what is right (Titus 2:12).**
  - B. To do this we must think right (Rom. 12:2); right action or behavior begins in the mind.**
  - C. To think right we must know and believe the truth.**
  - D. Truth is found in Christ and his teaching (John 8:31,32).**
  - E. If you think right and act right you will feel right.**
  - F. Acting right will result in heavenly rewards and earthly joy (Jesus calls this the “full life” in John 10:10).**
  - G. Acting right will have a positive affect on us and it can have a positive affect on those who don’t know Christ.**
    - 1. Some unbelievers will be fascinated by our Christ-like life and will want to know what makes us tick.**
    - 2. When this happens we must be ready to tell them about Jesus (1 Pet. 3:15).**
  - H. Some people will not be impressed with our Christ-like behavior and go on living life their way.**
  - I. No matter how people respond to our actions and words, we must continue to live for Jesus and tell people about him because he is their only hope.**