

## INTRODUCTION

We who are the disciples of Jesus Christ are the ones who love His appearing!

-We love His appearing for the consolation of knowing that the wicked who trouble us so much with their evil deeds, who escape the justice of man's courts during this life, will not escape the justice of Jesus Christ when He comes.

-We love His appearing for the hope of being raised incorruptible, without sin, fit for eternal life.

-We love His appearing for the joyful thought of being with our Lord Jesus Christ forever

But when will His appearing be? How much longer do we have to wait? That is the next matter we come to in our study through 1 Timothy.

## TEXT

1 Timothy 6:13-16 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, (14) that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, (15) which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, (16) who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

## BODY

- I. Our Lord Jesus Christ's First Appearing Was When God the Father Sent Him
  - A. God the Father sent His Son to give everlasting life to everyone who believes in Him
    1. John 6:27-29 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." (28) Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" (29) Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
      - a) two persons here
        - (1) God the Father, also called "God"
        - (2) the Son of Man, Jesus, whom God has sent
      - b) God the Father sent the Son
    2. John 6:38-40 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (39) This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. (40) And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."
      - a) our Lord Jesus is emphasizing by repetition that He had been sent
      - b) God the Father sent the Son down from heaven to do His will
      - c) the will of God is that everyone who believes in the Son will be raised up by the Son at the last day to have everlasting life
    3. Terms: In speaking of the One who sent Him, our Lord Jesus calls Him "God the Father" and "God" and "the Father"
  - B. The love of God was manifested toward us in that God sent His Son for us
    1. 1 John 4:9-10 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son ~~to be~~ the propitiation for our sins.
  - C. God sent His Son to do for us what could not be done by the law
    1. Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,
    2. APPLICATION: As you think about the Son of God being sent here by God the Father, banish from your mind all ideas that God will save you only if you do enough good things
  - D. God sent forth His Son when the fullness of time had come
    1. Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (5) to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
    2. God set, by His eternal plan, what would constitute the time being full
    3. then He sent forth His Son at that time

## E. APPLICATION

1. set in your mind that “God the Father” is a term from the Bible, and from the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself
2. when there is mention in the Bible of the interaction between God and our Lord Jesus Christ, it means between the two persons
  - a) God the Father
  - b) the Son of God and Son of Man, our Lord Jesus Christ
3. we need to draw on some theological understanding
  - a) God as one being in three persons
  - b) Jesus Christ as one person in two natures
4. then we need to be conversant in biblical terms to refer to these truths

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## II. Our Lord Jesus Christ’s Second Appearing Will Be When God the Father Shows Him to Us

1 Tim 6:15 which He will show/manifest/display

- A. The “He” in this verse refers to God the Father
- B. the reference is to someone whom no man has seen or can see - 1 Tim 6:16 ...whom no man has seen or can see
- C. it cannot refer to our Lord Jesus Christ, because men have seen Him when He first appeared
- D. it must refer to God the Father, of whom this is rightly said
  1. John 5:36-37 But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. (37) And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.
  2. 1 John 4:12-15 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. (14) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. (15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.
    - a) note all three persons of the Godhead here
      - (1) the Father
      - (2) the Son
      - (3) His Spirit

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Our Lord Jesus Christ’s second appearing will be when God the Father shows Him to us

### III. Our Lord Jesus Christ's Second Appearing Will Be In God the Father's Own Time

#### A. It is not for us to know what time that will be

1. Matthew 24:42-44 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. (43) But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. (44) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

#### B. God the Father, who shall show our Lord Jesus Christ, is the one who know what time that will be

1. Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.
2. Acts 1:6-8 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (7) And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. (8) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### C. Here Paul writes that God the Father, in His own time, will cause our Lord Jesus Christ to appear

1. your Bible might say, "in due time" or "at the proper time"
2. that is because the Greek in this place could bear the translation
  - a) "its time" or
  - b) "His time"
3. based on the words of Jesus which we just read, I think the proper reference of the pronoun is to God the Father
4. that's also what my favorite old commentators wrote
5. but if you think the right translation is "due time" or "proper time," God the Father, of course, is still the One who determines what the due or proper time is for our Lord's appearing

#### D. This statement of when our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing will be makes no reference to the calendar or the clock, so, there is not satisfying of our curiosity here.

#### E. Hear our 1689 Confession on this

1. 1689.32.3 ...Christ...will...have the day unknown to men, that they may shake off carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come, and may ever be prepared to say, "Come Lord Jesus; come quickly."

## CONCLUSION

Our Lord Jesus Christ's first appearing was when God the Father sent Him  
Likewise, our Lord Jesus Christ's second appearing will be when God the Father shows Him to us  
What date that will be is not for us to know; it will be in God the Father's own time  
So, by the power of the Holy Spirit in us, we keep His commandments without spot, blameless until  
the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, whenever it may be!

Philippians 1:9-11 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and  
all discernment, (10) that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and  
without offense till the day of Christ, (11) being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by  
Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Stephen - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer  
Willie - Scripture Reading - Matthew 24:36-51  
Jeremiah - Congregational Prayer  
Benediction - Philippians 1:6b

Rita - Prelude  
Haven - Trinity 402 "Amazing Grace" - Alex lead  
Allison - Trinity 672 "He Lifted Me"  
Allison - Trinity 174 "Praise the Saviour Now And Ever"

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In the pastoral epistles, Paul often writes about “God” and “Jesus Christ.” It almost sounds like Paul writing about God and someone who is not God. But that is not so. Instead, by saying “God” and “Jesus Christ,” the apostle is making the distinction between the first person in the Trinity, God the Father, and the second person in the trinity, called by the name and title given at His incarnation, “Jesus Christ.”

We have derived the language of the creeds and confessions by compiling all the Bible says about the subject. Understanding God as Trinity, and Jesus Christ as very God and very Man, in correct confessional language, we also need to be able to read the various ways these truths are expressed without getting confused by ways the various terms are used.

<b>1 Timothy</b>	<b>2 Timothy</b>	<b>Titus</b>
1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of <u>God</u> our Saviour, <u>and Lord Jesus Christ</u> , which is our hope;	2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of <u>Jesus Christ</u> by the will of <u>God</u> , according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,	Titus 1:1 Paul, a bondservant <u>of God</u> and an apostle <u>of Jesus Christ</u> , according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,
1 Timothy 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from <u>God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord</u> .	2 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from <u>God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord</u> .	Titus 1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from <u>God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior</u> .
1 Timothy 6:13-14 I urge you in the sight of <u>God</u> who gives life to all things, <u>and before Christ Jesus</u> who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, (14) that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,	2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before <u>God, and the Lord Jesus Christ</u> , who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;	Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of <u>the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ</u> ;

The third person in the Trinity also is mentioned in each of the pastoral epistles.

<b>1 Timothy</b>	<b>2 Timothy</b>	<b>Titus</b>
<p>1 Timothy 4:1 Now <u>the Spirit</u> expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by <u>the Holy Spirit</u> who dwells in us.</p>	<p>Titus 3:4-6 But when the kindness and the love of <u>God</u> our Savior toward man appeared, (5) not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of <u>the Holy Spirit</u>, (6) whom He poured out on us abundantly through <u>Jesus Christ</u> our Savior,</p>

1 John 4:12-15 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. (14) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. (15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

John 6:35-40 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. (36) But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. (37) All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. (38) For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (39) This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. (40) And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 5:30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

John 12:49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.