

## WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

June 5, 2016

*Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!*

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Prelude

Worship Theme

God is our Protector

Psalm 41:1-3: "How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble. The Lord will protect him, and keep him alive, and he shall be called blessed upon the earth; and do not give him over to the desire of his enemies. The Lord will sustain him upon his sickbed; in his illness, Thou dost restore him to health."

**God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross** Ps. 47:1, 6-7

+We Adore Him

Hymn #110, "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

We Confess Our Sin

O Lord God, we have spent far too long this past week living in sin. Forgive us for looking upon your word glibly, and your character lightly. At times, sin has been our welcomed friend. Pardon our iniquities; wash us thoroughly of all our sin.

May holiness be the atmosphere in which we live. Give us abhorrence of all evil, as a vile monster that defies Your law, casts off Your yoke, defiles our nature, and spreads misery. Teach us to look to Jesus on His cross, so we will know sin's loathsomeness in Your sight. Show us the shame, the agony, the bruises of Your adorable Son, that we may read our boundless guilt in the boundless price. May we discern the deadly viper in its real malignity, tear it with holy indignation from our bosom, resolutely turn from its every snare, and refuse to hold polluting dalliance with it.

Blessed Lord Jesus, at Your cross may we be taught the awful miseries from which we are saved, ponder what the word 'lost' implies, and see the fires of eternal destruction. Then may we cling more closely to Your adorable self, and detest sin as strongly as Your love to us is strong.

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #81, "O Love Of God"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication** Eph. 6:10, 18

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #702, "Peace, Perfect Peace"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship** 1 Pet. 1:23-25

We Read His Word

Sermon

\*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #384, "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

**God Blesses us in the Benediction**

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

\*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

## Perspectives on the Second Coming of Christ, Pt. 1

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11  
*Study Notes for June 5, 2016*

### I. Introduction

### II. Perspectives on the Second Coming of Christ, 1 Thes. 4:13-5:11.

#### A. The Second Coming of Christ will be Impartial, v. 15, 16b-17a.

-by the word of the Lord

-we who are alive, and remain

-shall NOT precede those who have fallen asleep

-then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air

**\*Point:** And so when it comes to the Second Coming of Christ, neither the living nor the dead in Christ will have an advantage. Truly, Christ's Second Coming will be Impartial!

#### **\*Where We Live**

1. What would be a consequence if Christ's Second Coming had any partiality to it as it related to the living/dead in Christ?
2. So what must be our response to this incredible truth?

#### B. The Second Coming of Christ will be Glorious, vv. 16-17a.

Paul's wording here is vivid. He places one powerful concept after another to convey the glorious nature of Christ's Second Coming. Notice...

-with a shout

-with the voice of the archangel

-with the trumpet of God

-the dead in Christ shall rise first

-the living will be caught up together with them

-all will meet the Lord in the air

**\*Point:** from this six fold description we draw no other conclusion than that The Second Coming of Christ will be a Glorious Event!

Calvin himself wrote of this passage, "The Apostle unquestionably had nothing farther in view here than to give some taste of the magnificence and venerable appearance of the Judge..."

***What Moses Requested from the Lord and what we get!...***

...unlike with Moses, the Second Coming of Christ will not be accompanied with the beholding of shadows or clefts in rocks. Rather, at the Second Coming we will see the undiluted and unveiled glory of the Lord!

**C. The Second Coming of Christ will bring Unbreakable Communion with Christ, v. 17b.**

It is important to note that Paul here is not referring to the individual, but to the Body of Christ/the Church and their Savior! On the last day, "we," the bride of Christ, will be united with our Groom- never to be separated from our Savior again!

Our Original Creation, the consequence of the fall, and the partial restoration in this life...

A picture of the relationship we have with Christ today is given to us in Song of Solomon...

SS. 5:2

SS. 5:3-6

SS 6:2-9

**\*Point:** Is our relationship with God breakable in this age? Not in the sense of its being, but certainly in the sense of its wellbeing! Truly God is forever pursuing us as His children (and never does He forsake us). But it is we who break the communion and so miss the joy of His presence! Such is the relationship we have with God today. But notice that in the end this "in part relationship" will be in full, "...and thus we shall always be with the Lord."