

“The truths of Christianity have satisfied the greatest minds of human history. If you don’t believe the Gospel, it’s because you choose not to.”

PULPIT CURRICULUM

CHRIST’S RETURN - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-12

(PART 2)

1. REVIEW

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5–12. In verse 8, it is clear that Jesus is coming to inflict vengeance on those who do not know God. This means that our obedience to the Gospel matters. What does it mean to “obey” the Gospel? What consequences do we face if we choose not to obey (both temporal and eternal)? _____

How is it that God can be willing to pour out His wrath and still be full of love? How do you resolve this tension in your own heart? _____

Read Romans 6:23. Write out the Gospel in your own words. How confident are you in your answer? What scriptures can you use to prove your belief? _____

2. ASSESS

How well does your daily living reflect your personal response to the Gospel? _____

Christ’s return is coming very soon, and the choices you’ve made in life will be locked. What thoughts or emotions do you have in response to that statement? Why? _____

3. APPLY

Respond to the truth of the Gospel right now. If you have never accepted Christ as your personal Savior, repent of your sin and ask Him to save you in this moment. Ask your small group members for help if you need it. _____

Each day this week, intentionally spend time in prayer thanking the Father for the free gift of salvation through the sacrifice of His son Jesus. _____

What will you do this week to live in hope and allow your daily living to match your belief in the Gospel more closely than ever? _____

Christ's return means:

1A) God's justice is coming vv.5-6

2A) My suffering is temporary v.7a

3A) Final vengeance if I disobey the Gospel vv.7-9

"We have rational faith in a God who made a perfect universe that sin is now destroying - and promises in the future to make it perfect again."

Evidence For The Gospel: 1.Biblical Verification 2.Historical Verification 3.Improbable Fiction 4.Impossible Cost 5.Incredible Impact

"The opposite of disobeying the gospel and getting eternal destruction is believing the gospel and getting eternal life."

4A) Gloriously marveling if I believe v.10

5A) God's work in me powerfully revealed vv.11-12

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Romans 1: 16-32

What I learned (observation/interpretation): _____

How I will respond (application): _____

DAY 2

READ Psalm 68: 1-4

What I learned: _____

How I will respond: _____

DAY 3

READ Luke 21: 25-28

What I learned: _____

How I will respond: _____

DAY 4

READ Acts 3: 19-21

What I learned: _____

How I will respond: _____

DAY 5

READ Titus 2:11-14

What I learned: _____

How I will respond: _____

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Essentials of Growing in Christ" class starting soon at your campus.