

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## The Return of Christ: Have we missed Him?

We answer a question today that has been brought before us. “What did Paul teach the Corinthians and the Thessalonians about the return of Christ? Did we miss something? Has the Lord come?”

Where do we begin studying such questions? I like to start by asking more questions. First, What does the Bible teach us about the coming of the Lord? Secondly, What does the Bible teach us about how we are to view such passages as these?

Interestingly enough, this is the exact belief of many “religious” people in the world today. The infamous ‘70 A.D.’ doctrine teaches just that. In 70 A.D., Christ returned with the destruction of Jerusalem and judged the world.

In II Timothy 2, Paul tells Timothy about how many have fallen away because they taught that Jesus had come. In II Thessalonians, Paul addresses this belief with the Brethren there. Some had bothered them with the belief that Jesus had already come...and they missed it!

The key to the text this morning, is what Paul means when he says “we”. Our final question, “What does ‘we’ mean?”

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- \* What did Paul teach?

I Corinthians 15 : 51

“We shall not all sleep...”

I Thessalonians 4 : 15, 17

“...we who are alive and remain...”

- \* How should we use the bible today?

Understand it is not written in English. We need to consider the language of the times, As the question “what message is being sent?”, don’t forget context, consider the totality of all scripture

- \* What does the Bible teach us about Christ?

He has no beginning, He came to the world, He lived and taught, He died, He was buried, He arose, and He ascended.

- \* What happens next?

He will return, all will be destroyed, all will be judged.

- \* The Corinthians

Context—Paul is teaching about death and the resurrection.

What does he teach—we must be changed, either by death or by Christ in order to inherit Heaven.

- \* The Thessalonians

Context—Paul is teaching about those who fell asleep.

What does he teach—No one will miss the coming.