



End Times
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Quick Thoughts

For nearly 2000 years Christians have been wondering when Jesus will return and trying to decipher the meanings of all the prophetic passages. There is value in studying the many different conclusions that have been reached, but our attention must always stay focused on the central message of Jesus' return which will bring life, reward, peace, and judgment.

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
1 Corinthians 15
Romans 8:18-25
1 Corinthians 3:12:15
2 Peter 3:3-9
Mark 13:32-33
Revelation 19 and 20

Links/Resources

Part 12 of *Introducing Christian Doctrine*, by Millard J Erickson, does a great job of giving a broad and balanced overview of the different eschatological views held by Christians.

Questions

1. If you knew that Jesus would return next year, how would that change the way you live?
2. If you knew it would be 500 years until Jesus returns, how would that change the way you live?
3. At the "Bema" judgment Jesus will reward believers for their good works, is this a valid motivation for "being good"?
4. Jesus has conquered death and promised us imperishable resurrected bodies, how should this change our outlook on death? How then should we view the death of a believer? Of an unbeliever?
5. Christians hold firmly to a variety of different interpretations of end times scripture, which points are clear, and which should we be willing to admit ignorance?