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*When Christ Returns*

**Word of the Day: Return**

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**2. His Return will be seen by all**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16*

- Chariot wheels show that this will be so loud that everyone will take notice.
- Whirlwind shows the destruction that will take place to those who have rebelled against Him.

**3. His Return will bring Judgment**

*1 Corinthians 3:12-13, Psalm 110:5-6, John 3:36, 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, Revelation 20:11-15, 2 Peter 3:7*

- The Sword represents justice and God will demonstrate divine justice to all who have rebelled.
- Jesus will bring judgment to "All Flesh" which shows that this is not just involving one nation or group but the entire world.
- See Also Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 19:11-16.
- Isaiah 64:6 says that our righteous deeds are like filthy rags
- Romans 3:10 No one is righteous
- Mark 10:18 Jesus said no one is good but God
- There are times of purifying that were described in the Old Testament (Exodus 19:10-11,14-5) but these practices were purifying rituals toward pagan gods.
- Pigs and detestable animals which were a direct and clearly against the word of God. (Leviticus 11:29; 41-43; Ezekiel 8:10)
- 2 Timothy 4:1 says that Jesus is the one who will judge the living and the dead.

**4. His Return should cause us to persevere**

*Jude 17-23, Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Timothy 4:1-2, 1 John 4:1-3*

- To snatch someone is to grab ahold of someone and make a strong effort even by force.
- Amos 4:11 uses this terminology when talking about a burning stick that was thrown into the fire and rescued.
- Jesus was the bluntest with those who had false teachers because they were making people twice the sons of hell. (Matthew 23:15)
- In the end times We will see more and more people walk away from the faith. (Matthew 24:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:3)

**Closing**

- Christ will return and when He does it will be a glorious day for those who are in Christ.
- For those who are not in Christ it will be a miserable day. (Revelation 6)
- Are you living your life as if Christ can return any moment?
- Are you living your life in anticipation of His return?
- May we be renewed in our love for Christ, our love for our Brothers and Sisters and our love for a lost world that needs to hear the truth that Christ will return one day soon.

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2. How loud do you think those things are?
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4. How can someone escape the judgment of Christ? (See John 3:36)
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