



# THE OBJECT OF CHRIST'S COMING

1 JOHN 3:2-3

**<sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:2-3**

**<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7**

**.....you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.  
Eph 1:13-14**

# THE REDEMPTION OF THE CHURCH

## 1. The Glorification Of Sleeping Saints

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thess 4:15-16

**1) The Good State--<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.**

**Romans 8:28**

**2) The Better State**--<sup>22</sup> But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is far better*. Phil 1:22-23

### 3) The Best State—1 Corinthians 15:35-58

## 2. THE GLORIFICATION OF LIVING SAINTS

<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thess 4:17

**1) The Glory Of Conversion**--<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:6

## **2) The Glory Of Communion--<sup>18</sup> But**

**we all, with unveiled face, beholding  
as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,  
are being transformed into the same  
image from glory to glory, just as by  
the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor 3:18**

**3) The Glory Of Confession--<sup>15</sup> And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel. Acts 6:15**

## **4) The Glory Of Consummation--**

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