

(1) The Apostle Paul refers to the Second Coming of Christ as “our blessed hope” (Titus 2:13-14). Why does he use the word “blessed”? What is it about Christ’s return that makes it so “blessed” for those who live in anxious expectation for it? Be specific. Give as many answers as you can.

(2) Most evangelical Christians in America have been raised on the belief that the Church will be raptured or translated or removed from the earth before a time of great tribulation and persecution. Is that your belief? Or was it at some time in the past? What makes that belief so attractive? Do you still believe in the so-called pre-tribulation rapture of the church? If so, why? If not, why not? What in the book of Revelation has persuaded you (assuming it has!) that the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine is incorrect? How does the post-tribulation rapture affect the way you live?

(3) In the sermon I briefly outlined the order of events that I believe will occur when Christ returns. What were they? Be sure you keep them in proper sequence. Do you find this convincing and biblical? If so, why? If not, why not?

(4) How does the portrayal of what will happen to unbelievers at the second coming affect your responsibility toward them? Does it motivate you to be more diligent and faithful to evangelize the lost? If not, why not?

(5) The description of what will happen to unbelievers in the world at the second coming is very graphic. Read again Revelation 19:19-21. What stands out most to you in this final battle? Are you offended by the language used in this passage? If so, why?