

## Members Notes #13

### Doctrine of the Second Return of Christ “...that My house may be filled” (Luke 14:23)!

Over the next couple of weeks of our discussions, we'll be touching on a few of the elementary principles mentioned in chapter 6:1-2. This week we will discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ. Next week we'll discuss how to have assurance of Salvation and how to help those who are struggling in this area.

**TONIGHT'S PURPOSE:** To grapple with the tension we find in the New Testament concerning the imminence (nearness, closeness) and seeming delay of the second coming of Christ. It has a lot to do with God wanting a **full house** (Luke 14:23).

**Hebrews 6:1** “...not laying again the foundation of... the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.”

Though the “resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment” are very important, they are but “secondary” elements of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Due to time constraint, we will only discuss the “Second Coming” in general terms.

Since the time of the first followers of Jesus, the return of Christ has been the promised hope of every believer. Every generation has wondered, “Will it be soon?” Every New Testament writer mentions the return of Christ, and these writers refer to this event over \_\_\_\_\_ times in twenty different books. There is a tension in the New Testament that we are to anticipate Jesus to return at \_\_\_\_\_ and we are **not** to stop anticipating His imminent arrival even if it is greatly \_\_\_\_\_.

## QUESTIONS

1 Read John 14:1-3. What 3 comforting things did Jesus promise His disciples?

- I'm preparing \_\_\_\_\_.

“Rooms” or “dwellings” is a better translation rather than “mansions”. The emphasis is quantitative (it's really big) rather than qualitative (a big, luxurious mansion). The idea is that there is lots and lots of room for lots and lots of people.

- I will come again to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ be there with you.

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### 2 Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. Why hasn't the Lord come back yet?

- He wants a \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 14:23 Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so "**that my house may be filled**" (NRSV).

- He doesn't want people to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Eze 18:23** "Do I actually delight in the **death** of the wicked, declares the sovereign LORD? Do I not prefer that he turn from his wicked conduct and live?"

**Eze 33:11** "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD, I **take** no **pleasure** in the **death** of the wicked, but prefer that the wicked change his behavior and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil deeds! Why should you die, O house of Israel?"

- He wants as many as possible to share in the joy of \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 What is the main point of the parable of the Faithful Steward in Luke 12:41-48?

\_\_\_\_\_. A similar parable explains that the master went on a long journey to a faraway place.

Matt 25:14 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a **long** trip to a **far** country" (NKJV). "He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone" (NLT).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Even if you've missed the first two sessions, you are still welcome to join in the River of Life Bible School's series "Laying The Foundations", which will run for the next 2 consecutive Tuesdays - 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May, **7:30PM**-9:30PM.
- Pick up copies of ACF's discipleship materials, *Successful Christian Living* and *Designed for Discipleship* series, at the **Welcome Desk**.
- **Healing from Sexual Brokenness Seminar**, this is an equipping time for Connect Group leaders and those who want to learn how to help those struggling with sexual identity and orientation issues. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 9am-3pm.