

New England Fall Conference

Saturday October 29th 2011

The Imminent Return of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Introduction: In our previous study of Daniel 9 we noted that the focus of that prophesy related to Daniel's people (the Jews), and his holy city (Jerusalem). Today, we are living in the period of time between the 69th and 70th week of Daniel's prophesy. During this period of time, our Lord Jesus is forming His church, composed of both Jews and Gentiles united together through Him (Eph 2:14-18). The Lord Jesus promised his disciples that He would "...come again and receive you to Myself that where I am, there you may be also." John 14.3. We believe that sometime soon after He returns, the prophetic clock will start "ticking" to complete the 70th week as described in Daniel 9. Today, our exercise is to focus on the hope of the Church, which is the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to take us to be with Himself.

9:30-10:00 am Prayer

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 Study 1: The imminent coming of Christ

1. The promise of His coming
 - a. John 14:3, Acts 1: 10-11
 - b. The apostles preached about His coming in the first century and expected Him then!, 1 Thess 1:9:10
1. The coming of Christ for His Church, from His perspective (What is in it for Him!!)
Gen 2:18, John 12:24
2. What will happen to believers on earth when He comes?
1 Thess 4:13-17, 1 Cor 15: 51-53, 1 John 3:2

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00-3:00 pm Study 2: What will happen to the Church when the Lord Returns

1. Rev 19: 7-9, 11-14
2. Matt 25:14-23, Heb 9:28, 2 Tim 4:8

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15- 4:15 pm Study 3: What impact should this truth have on us today?

1. While we wait, we should work and not be busybodies; 2 Thess 3: 6-15
2. We are to be patiently waiting for Him, establishing our hearts
1 Thess 1:10, 1 Thess 5: 1-11, James 5:7-9
3. We are to be watching for Him; Titus 2:11-13
4. His coming should have a purifying effect in our lives; 1 John 3:2-3
5. His coming should give us comfort; 1 Thess 4:18

4:15-5:00 pm Ministry or Gospel