

## **The First Baptist Church of Columbus**

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**T I T L E: He Will Come Again**

**T E X T: John 14:1-3**

**Sermon Series:** Things to Come: An Eschatological and Biblical Perspective

Our approach to this series will be from a pre-millennial, pre-tribulational perspective.

Our approach to the interpretation of the scriptures will be "a literal interpretation" with the thought in mind of the constant danger of becoming too wooden, stiff, or nonsensical, especially when dealing with eschatological and/or prophetic language.

John 10:7 ---- So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (Christ is not literally a door, etc.) Personally, I find some language in the context of "last day events," descriptive events, and/or symbolic language difficult to interpret and to arrive at a definitive meaning without sounding somewhat ridiculous.

J. Dwight Pentecost — Things to Come — A greater body of Scripture is given to prophecy than any other one subject, for approximately one-fourth of the Bible was prophetic at the time it was written.

### **I. "I WILL COME AGAIN" IS A PROPHECY AND A PROMISE....**

#### **A. ...firmly rooted in the nature of God's word.**

God Breathed — THE BIBLE TO BE THE DIVINELY INSPIRED,  
INERRANT, INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD.

Testimony of Scripture regarding the word of God: —

2 Timothy 3:16 ---- All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

1 John 1:1–3 ---- 1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**B. ...firmly rooted in the nature of Christ's character.**

John 14:1–3 ---- 1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:6 ---- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

**II. "I WILL COME AGAIN" IS A PURIFYING STIMULANT ...**

**A. ...encouraging behavior expectant of His arrival at any moment.  
(Imminent return of Christ)**

1 John 3:3 ---- And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Matthew 16:24–27 ---- 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. 25 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My

sake will find it. 26 “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

Colossians 3:4–5 ---- 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. 5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

**B. ...encouraging a “servant’s heart” in light of rewards in heaven as well as each Christian’s appearance before the judgment seat of Christ.**

### **III. “I WILL COME AGAIN” IS A SPIRITUALLY CALMING CONSOLATION...**

**A. ...in light of the emotional volatility of life in this world.**

There is a better world coming for believers.... in Christ our personal welfare is secure.... Illustrate: in golf there is an element which R. C. Sproul called a “wood” experience —i.e. works only one day.

**B. ...in light of the peace with God afforded each believer although the peace of God is occasionally elusive in this life.**

Peace with God — This peace is a fact, not a feeling. It is free and it is forever and can never be destroyed or even diminished. It is a secure peace with the Almighty God of all creation because of Jesus’ finished work.

The peace of God is a subjective peace. We have it when we experience the peace that comes through trusting Jesus. This peace is also a gift from God. It is given to us by God, freely and generously. It produces in us a feeling of wellness, but it is something that we must actively pursue.

**Conclusion:** The rapture of the church and second coming of Christ should be to each of us a daily expectation.