

This is a clear fact of Scripture. I know there have been those who have talked about this crazy idea of a man's coming down from the sky, etc. but most who talk that way actually deny Christian teachings. But among those who believe Christian teachings, there are many who say nothing about the return of Christ. It is something that is so stressed in Scripture that it must be a vital part of our thought as representatives of the Lord.

In Paul's very first Epistle, he describes the Thessalonian Christians as being characterized by two qualities: they had turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and he said they were waiting for the coming of His Son from heaven. These are the two characteristics he mentioned in his very first epistle, and when he came to his very last epistle he wrote, he said, There is laid up for me a crown of glory, and not only for me but for all those who love His appearing. He mentions several times in the last two or three epistles he wrote that though he had been wrong in his hope that he would remain unto the coming of the Lord (?) yet he was right in his feeling that it was of tremendous importance and a matter which all Christians should look for. He never said Christ would come during his lifetime, but it is very clear from his words that he felt it was a ~~xxx~~ least a possibility that Christ would come during his life.

It is my personal opinion, and I believe it can be very well documented, that equally clear in Scripture is the teaching that there is coming a time upon this earth when Jesus Christ will reign in person, a time when He will reign here in person and put down all that is evil. He will reign with a rod of iron. Why should he reign with a rod of iron if everyone is converted? If everyone is a