should be the closest of fellowship regardless of their view as to the time
of the rapture. This is a matter which would repay careful study. Perhaps
God has made clear in His Word which of these two is the correct view. It
is well worth investigation but it is very foolish to expend any heated con-
troversy over matters of this type. They should be matters for careful
reasoning together, investigation and the question should not be, "Which
does the Scripture teach?" but "Has God given us the information upon which
we can base a decision at all as to which is the correct view? How much
evidence is there in each direction? Can we say that one is definitely
taught or will we find it necessary to say that while the evidence looks
in one of the two directions we cannot be absolutely sure which is true?"
God has not given us His Word to give us a full knowledge of all the truth
of the universe. He has given it to tell us what is necessary that we
should know. It would take a whole encyclopedia to tell us all the
truths of religion alone and God has given us one book, the Bible. He
tells what is vital. Everything that He touches on is true and it is
simply a matter of our finding what we can truly and carefully gather
from the statements taught in His Word.

Much more important than the attempt to ascertain the exact details
of the return of Christ is the necessity of deciding what its effect
should be upon the life of the believer. Since all true Christians be-
lieve thatChrist is going to return in a sudden, physical, visible way
to this earth with overpowering strength, it is vital that we see what
our attitude should be toward this important truth. The Scripture tells
us many times that we should watch and be ready for the return of Christ.
One interesting case is the parable where Christ tells of the steward who,
when his master was away, began to beat the servants and to engage in
riotous living and He said that in such an hour as he thought not his
master would return and/punish him. He exhorts us to watch and be ready