**Know the Truth – Last Things**

1. **God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end**

1 Pet. 4:6 – *the end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer*

Rev. 1:3 – *blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near*

Rev. 22:10 – *do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near*

Heb. 1: 10 -12

2 Pet. 3:10 – *the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass*

 *away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat and the earth and*

 *its works will be burned up.*

Rev. 21:1 – *then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first*

 *earth passed away & there is no longer any sea*

James 5:8 – *be patient, strengthen your hearts, because the Lord’s coming is near*

1. **According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth**

Matt. 16:27 – *the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each according to what he has done*

Lk. 24:27,30 – *as the lightning comes from the east and flashed as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man…then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory*

1. **The dead will be raise, and Christ will judge all men in righteousness**

Matt. 25:31 -46

Acts 17:31 – *God has set a day when He is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he has appointed. He has provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead*

2 Cor. 5:10 – *for we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what He has done in the body, whether good or evil*

2 Tim. 4:1

1. **The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment**

Rev. 20:15 – *if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire*

2 Thess. 1: 7 - 12

Lk. 16: 19 -26

1. **The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord**

Phil. 3: 20 -21 – *our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of his glorious body, by the power the enables him to subject everything to himself.*

1 Thess. 4:14 -18

1 Thess. 5: 1 – 28

1 John 3:2 – *we are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him, because we will see him as he is*

**Lo! He comes with Clouds Descending – Charles Wesley**

1 Lo he comes in clouds descending,
Once for helpless sinner slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
All the Angels cry amen.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
Rob'd in dreadful majesty,
Those who set at nought and sold Him,
Pierc'd and nail'd gim to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain,
Heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate him, must confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day;
Come to judgment, come to judgment, come to judgment,
Come to judgment come away.

4 Now redemption long expected,
See, in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
See the day of God appear.

5 Answer thine own bride and Spirit,
Hasten Lord, the gen'ral doom,
The new heav'n and earth t' inherit,
Take thy pining exiles home,
All creation, all creation, all creation,
Travails! groans! and bids thee come.

5 Yea, amen let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne!
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly,
Hallelujah! come Lord, come.