

The series so far

- Why this series?
- Areas covered
 - Bible (*authority in matters of faith*)
 - God
 - Humanity and sin
 - Jesus
 - Holy Spirit (Sunday 20th am)
 - The Church
 - The Future

Audio sermon on-line

Written transcript / questions on-line

- Tonight's subject – What Christians believe about the Future
- Again, big-picture stuff!

What Christians Believe

Topic 5: The Future

Reading: Revelation 21 (*and reference to various other passages*)

(1) A tough subject to tackle?

(2) The set course of world history

- ***What has already taken place?***
 - Creation
 - Rebellion
 - Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, ascension and exaltation
- ***What period are we living in now?***
 - The last days (the Church age)
- ***What will happen in the future?***
 - The last days leads to the Last Day
 - On the Last Day, Jesus will return as King and Judge
 - The dead will be raised
 - Everyone will face Jesus as Judge
 - Christians will live forever in the presence of God in the New Creation ('heaven')
 - Unbelievers will live forever outside the presence of God in hell

(3) What does this mean for us *personally*?

	<i>Christians</i>	<i>Unbelievers</i>
<i>Two ways to live:</i>	Accept Christ as Saviour	Reject Christ as Saviour
<i>Two ways to die:</i>	In Christ	Outside of Christ
<i>On death:</i>	Our soul in God's presence	Our soul in Hades
<i>On the Last Day:</i>	Our body will be resurrected and reunited with our soul	Our body will be resurrected and reunited with our soul
<i>First Judgement:</i>	Our name will be found in the book of life	Our name will not be found in the book of life
<i>Second Judgement:</i>	For our works as Christians	No second judgement
<i>Eternity:</i>	New Creation ('heaven')	Hell

(4) Living now in light of eternity

- Accept Jesus *now*
- Tell people about Jesus *now*