

INTRODUCTION

- * FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ ... The Life of Christ*
- * As we have been studying “The Life of Christ” - we have examined His Birth, His Youth ... and are currently looking at His Ministry by considering seven different facets of His Ministry: The Preparation, Proclamation, Power, Parables, Passion, Pattern and Promises of His Ministry
- * Last week, we began looking at the promises of Christ’s ministry – those promises which were immediate.
- * Today we want to look at His “Imminent” Promises ... those regarding the distant future.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE IMMEDIATE PROMISES ... *Those Regarding the Present Future*

*** LAST WEEK ***

A. He Promised That He Would Answer Our Prayers

1. THE CONDITIONS OF HIS PROMISE
 - a. Being Filled With His Word (cf. John 15: 7)
 - b. Living In Obedience To His Word (cf. I John 3:22; Psalm 34:15; John 14:15,21,23-24; John 16:23-27)
2. THE TENOR OF HIS PROMISE (cf. Psalm 37: 4; I John 5:14-15)

B. He Promised That He Would Send The Holy Spirit

1. TO INDWELL US – TO SEAL US (cf. John 14: 15-17; Ephesians 1:13-14)
2. TO INSTRUCT US (cf. John 14: 25-26; Ephesians 6: 17)

II. THE IMMEDIATE PROMISES ... *Those Regarding the Distant Future*

A. The Return of the Son of Man

1. ITS CHARACTERISTICS (Matthew 24: 4-33)
2. ITS CAUSES (Matthew 24: 34-51)

B. The Resurrection of the Dead

(cf. Rom 6:23; John 5:24-29; Dan 12:1-3; Rev 20:11-15; Matt 25:31-46)

1. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LIVING (cf. Romans 10:8-10; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2: 17-26)
2. THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

C. The Resurrection of Christ

(cf. John 14: 1-3)

1. HIS RESURRECTION (cf. John 14: 3 Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
2. OUR EVIDENCE (cf. I Cor 1:4-8; Phil 3:20; I Thess 1:5-10; II Tim 4:6-8; Titus 2:11-13; I Peter 1:3-9; I John 3:2-3)

INTROSPECTION

- * **WHERE ARE YOU PLACING YOUR TRUST – IN THIS WORLD? OR IN THE LORD?**
- * ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RETURN OF CHRIST?
- * OF WHICH RESURRECTION WILL YOU BE PART?
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LIVING – OR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?