

communion service is observed and the words of the apostle Paul in I Corinthians 11 are read we find this note brought out. "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till He come." Christians look back to the Lord's death as the foundation of their belief and of their life; they look forward to the time when He will come.

*Back to this earth again as the culmination of all their hope & desire for future of joy and glory.*

In the very first epistle which was written, Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians, we find that he described the faith of the Thessalonians as having two aspects to it. He said, in verses 9 and 10, "how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." From the very beginning of the spread of the gospel into Europe we find that this note has already been stressed. They look back to the death of Christ on Calvary; they are waiting for His coming to this earth again. *look forward with longing to His return*

As we go on through the epistles of the New Testament we find constant stress upon this theme. Even at the very end of the life of the apostle Paul in his last epistle, II Timothy, in Chapter 4, verse 1, "I charge ye therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom." The last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, centers around the great theme that Jesus Christ is to return to this earth to put an end to everything that is evil, to everything that opposes the goodness of God and to establish His power as absolutely supreme. *Someone* has counted 318 references to the second coming of

Christ in the two hundred and sixty chapters of the New Testament. *an attitude* which deals only with what Jesus has done and pays no attention to that which He is going to do is omitting one of the elements of our religion which was most stressed in the days of the apostles and in the writings in the New Testament.

*He went away.*

*(I Cor. 11:26)*

*(I Thess. 1: 9, 10)*

*Miscellaneous*