

We should notice, in addition, certain ~~vital~~ additional aspects of ~~the~~ return of our Lord. This time He will not come in meekness and humility, but in power and authority. All ~~who~~ the forces of wickedness shall wail because of Him, for He shall completely overthrow them.*

*Matt.24:30; ~~1~~ ~~Thess~~ Rev.19:15,16.

The return of Christ is to be a time of reunion with loved ones, for all who have died in Christ will be restored to life at His return/: "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him....For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the ~~de~~ ad in Christ shall rise first." *

* 1 Thessalonians 4:14,16.

This resurrection, however, does not ~~heavily~~ indicate a return to the same type of bodily life, replete with possibilities of pain and weakness, as characterizes ~~life~~ human existence on this planet since man was cursed because of Adam's sin*. The New Testament

*Genesis 3: 16-19.

teaches that the resurrection of believers will involve the removal of the curse, and the acquisition of a body free from infirmity or corruption, made like the resurrection body of Christ Himself. Paul says: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*"

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*1 Corinthians ~~15:51-53~~ See also Romans 8:18-23, and Philippians 3:20-21

So we observe that the return of Christ has very different effects on different people. To the forces of wickedness and cruelty it means terrible retribution, and a complete end of their power. To the Christian it means an end to the infirmity and