

# LAST THINGS

Article 10

## Article X

“God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness.

The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.”

—*Baptist Faith and Message 2000*

*Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28;  
24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38;  
9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37;  
21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31;  
Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-  
58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21;  
Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18;  
5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14;  
2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28;  
James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude  
14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.*

**“Eschatology** is the study of Last Things or then end of time, when Christ will return.”

(p. 114 in *The Baptist Faith and Message* workbook, by Kelley, Land, and Mohler)

According to our statement of  
faith, when will the world end?

How does this section of the *Baptist Faith and Message 2000* help you to answer people who live in a state of end times hysteria?

What Bible verses do you know that would be the foundation for Baptist's opening statement about the End Times?



Because the New Testament does not always give a strict timeline of the End Times, there are differences of interpretation about the order and exact nature of events. However, there is no confusion about the fact that Jesus Christ will visibly, physically return to judge the world!

# **The Return of Christ**

- Suddenly
- Personally
- Visibly
- Judicially
- Victoriously

“They will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and  
great glory” (Luke 21:27)

The doctrine of Last Things is vital to the church. Even the Lord's Supper is a way by which Christians declare:

- Jesus' crucifixion for sinners
- Jesus' soon return in glory

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

# **The Resurrection of the Dead**

Jesus Christ's resurrection guarantees our own resurrection. The Bible says, "and the dead in Christ shall be raised first" (1Thes. 4:16).

# **Eternal Destiny**

## **1. Heaven is for real.**

We know heaven is real, not because adults wrote a book exploiting a little boy to make money, but because Jesus said it. The information about heaven that comes from a source other than the Bible is mere speculation.

“No one has ascended into  
heaven except he who descended  
from heaven, the Son of Man.”

(John 3:13)

## 2. Hell is for real.

There are more verses in the Bible about hell than about heaven.

- Place of eternal, conscious torment.
- Place where God's judgment is manifested.
- Your friends may be there, but it will not be a friendly place.



Churches and Pastors who neglect to teach on the reality of hell are sinning against God and showing a lack of care for people who need to trust in Christ.

Hell reminds humans to fear the One who can send them there (Matt. 10:28).

# **The Final Judgment**

1. The Righteous will be rewarded.
2. The ungodly will be condemned.

The final judgment will be final!

There will be no mistrial. No  
appeal. No reversal. No possibility  
of a mistaken verdict.

## The Question of the Ages:

How does a person become one whom God will declare as “righteous” on that day?

The Final Judgment is either a day of hope or a day of dread for you.  
Which is it for you?

Is your hope legitimate, according to the Bible, God's Word?

