

## The Purpose of Christ's Return 7-16-23

*To undo the curse caused by sin.*

### God's Original Design

<sup>31</sup> **And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. - Genesis 1:31 (ESV)

### The Fall

<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**" - Genesis 2:17 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men because all sinned.** -Romans 5:12 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its **bondage to corruption** and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that **the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.** - Romans 8:20–22 (ESV)

### God Dealing with the Fall

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished,**" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. - John 19:30 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,** neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." - Revelation 21:4

### Satan

<sup>10</sup> and the **devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire** and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. - Revelation 20:10 (ESV)

### Humanity

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. **And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.** <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and **they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done...**<sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. - Revelation 20:12 (ESV)

### Death

<sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. - Revelation 20:14 (ESV)

## God Dwelling with Man

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of **the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. - Genesis 3:8 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. **He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.** - Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

Quiz: 😊

Eschatology is the study of \_\_\_\_\_.

When we ask the question, “what does the whole Bible say about this topic?” What area of theology are we using? (Exegesis, Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, Practical Theology, Apologetics)

When we ask the question, “what have Christians understood throughout time about this topic?” What area of theology are we using?

What is the key theme in our understanding and thinking about eschatology without which we are “doing it wrong”?

Label the following diagram. How does it relate to our study of theology?

