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ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW
CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR:
ITS IMPLICATIONS TO CHRISTIANS AND
TO THE CHURCH

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CONCLUSION

In this concluding part of the paper, we will look at what our part should be towards Christ's return as a Church and as individuals.

1. Disputing of Words

Many Christians today are found in corners of theological institutions or seminaries disputing in detail of how Christ will ^{Come} when they ought to be defending the doctrine of His second coming in action. Mere arguing and disputing on the second coming is no solution. We need to be busy in preparation for His coming.

2. Our Separation From the World Demands Our Fear

As we separate ourselves from the world, we must have a fear in us. The fear that our Lord will come at any time. Our fear should be: "I must not do anything I like, else He will come and catch me."

3. The Great Mission of the Church

The one great mission of the church is to evangelize the world (Matthew 28:19 - 20). Only when this commission has been completed will Christ return. To witness to all nations is the power assigned to the Church. Christ will return. He longs to reign. You may be asking, "Why is He wasting time? Or "Why is He waiting?" He waits, giving you and me the chance to complete our assignments.

4. The Doubting Thomasses

The title of a tract I once read says, "What if it were true after all?" Many Christians laugh at the saying that Jesus is coming again, but what of if it were true, after all, what will be the fate and the end of our doubting Thomasses? Doom!

5. Beware of the Danger

There is a great danger blocking on many theologians today.

What is that danger?

Many are longing for a saviour who will descend from the clouds and rescue them from this miserable world that they neglect the Saviour who has already come and who lives with them in here and now.

A Saviour who said, "I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)¹

6. Occupy Till I Come

Like the parable Jesus told in Luke chapter 19 of a man going on a journey and calling his servants to himself and giving them talents according to their abilities: five to one, two to ~~the~~ ^{one to the} another, last. He said to them: "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13).

Two of the servants traded with their talents and gained more.

But the last servant dug the ground and hid his master's talent there. He was blamed for not making use of the talent given him.

He was thrown into a dungeon where there is darkness and gnashing of teeth.

¹Eric Bosell, "The Second Coming, One More Time," AREOPAGUS: A Living Encounter With Today's Religious World (Hong Kong: Advent, 1992), p. 4.

We are in the situation of the servants of the king today.
He has ordered that, "We occupy till He comes." What are we doing with
the talents He gave us? Trading with them (talents) or burying same?