

The Misunderstood Christ

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spiritual institution and demanded for its existence the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28). The Lord's church does not exist to promote physical health, recreation, exercises for the fleshly body, entertainment, secular education, social reforms, civic enterprises or general benevolence, but many churches have embraced these activities nonetheless.

6. **Men misunderstand the second coming of Christ.** Making the same mistake as the Jews of old, men today proclaim that Christ is going to do at His second coming what He failed to do at His first coming. But He didn't fail to do anything He came to do. He fulfilled all things that were written of Him in the law of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms as He said Himself (Luke 24:44; John 17:4; 19:30). The first time the apostles preached the gospel of Christ they preached the crucifixion, the resurrection, the ascension and the exaltation of Jesus as Lord and Christ, at God's right hand and on David's throne (Acts 2:22-36). At His second coming He will raise the dead (John 5:28), separate the righteous from the wicked (John 5:29; Matthew 25:31-33), take vengeance on the wicked (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9), receive His own (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17), and deliver up the kingdom to God the Father (1 Corinthians 15:24).

Let us not be guilty of misunderstanding. Let us patiently endure being misunderstood. Let us, above all else, seek to understand God's revelation.

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