

and has reigned as the mighty God; the everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

When anyone is asked how they expect Christ will come, they go to the first chapter of Acts; that he will come as he went away before the day of pentecost. It reads that it was not the disciples that saw him go into heaven, for they returned to Jerusalem and to an upper room, where they abode. Now we will show you that he came in like manner at the day of pentecost. These men were admonished for looking up to heaven; neither were they converted; neither can they tell now how he will come, except they are converted. Paul said, no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. The first chapter is an introduction to the second chapter, for then they knew that he was both the Lord and Christ. The beloved disciple wrote all on the divinity of Christ, from the first of John to the end of Revelations. See 1 John 4: 14.—“Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God; and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” After the day of pentecost every spirit that did not confess that Jesus had come in the flesh, was Antichrist. He came then in the flesh to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of a judgment; so if it reproves one it will all. V 6.—“We are of God; he that knoweth God, heareth us; hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.” 1 John 5: 7-8. These two verses prove his divinity; so man is without excuse. “For there are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.” Now there are three in earth that prove this, and there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one. These three bear witness in our body, when we are spiritual and not carnal. V 19-20-21.—“And we know that we are of God; and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we know him that is true: even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” Now if any man worships anything but God, a spirit, he worships an image or idol. Now we are commanded to worship not the likeness of anything in heaven above, nor in earth, nor under the earth. Gal. 2: 20.—“I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Eph. 1: 3-4-20-21-22-23.—“Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.” That is in our hearts; for proof see 2 Peter 1: 19.—“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” This day star evidently is Christ; not as our Advent brethren are looking for him to come in a body like themselves. Eph. 1: 21-22-23.—“And every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.” Which is his body; the fullness of that filleth all in all. Now it is written that he is head of the church, and how is he head but by the spirit; and he has only one body, and the body is the church. Eph. 2: 19-20-21.—“In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.” Eph. 4: 4-5-6.—“There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Eph. 5: 30.—“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.” Now it is said that there is only one body, and the body is the church; and we are the members of that body, or the church. Phil. 2: 9-10-11.—“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue

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