

Looking Down the Road

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Our picture of ...

- What Is Coming
- ... Motivates our Action Now

Eschatology

A Theme I Avoided!

- History is Going Somewhere
- The Study of Where it is Going

Scriptures

Eph 1:9-10 Rev 21:1-5
Phil 3:20-21 1 Cor 15:20-26
Act 3:18-21

Ideas

- *Supremacy* – Jesus All in All
- *New Creation* – New Heaven and Earth
- *Resurrection* – Jesus First, Us Like Him
- *Kingdom* – Jesus Reign over All; We Reign with Him
- *Making All Things Right* – Judgement, Justice, Righteous
- *Presence* – With Him

So What?

What Do We Aim At? What Do We Give Ourselves To?

- *Foretaste* – Not Everything ... But Real
- *Participate* – Partner in God's Agenda
- *Anticipate* – Experience What is Coming Ahead of Time
- *Announce* – This is Good News!

Take it Home!

What is something you have done because of your understanding of what is coming? (One possible example - bought a generator in late 1999).

What do phrases like "the end times", or "the Christian hope" bring to your mind?

What do you think Christians tend to do now because of their understanding of "the Christian hope"?

What do you think Christians should do now because of their understanding of "the Christian hope"?

Take It Home - Take this home and use these questions to think about the ideas shared today. It is even better if you can use these questions in a conversation with someone else.