

## **Philippians 3:20-21**

Awaiting the Savior

*Our King ...*

### I. He Reigns

- A. He's Seated
- B. We're Secure

### II. He Will Return

- A. He's Coming
- B. We're Watching

### III. We Will See Him

- A. He is Glorified
- B. We'll Be Like Him

*... is coming!*

***Children, Listen ...***

1. What do we mean when we say Jesus reigns?
2. How can we be sure that He will return in glory?
3. Does anyone know when this will be?
4. What will happen to believers when they see Him?

## **Assured Anticipation**

Scripture is filled with facts that inspire believers. Paul offers three powerful ones regarding the living Christ in our text. The first is essential to our assurance and stability during our journey on this side of glory. Jesus reigns on the throne of Heaven. He cares intimately for citizens of His Kingdom, and though things might get rough in life He continually intercedes for us, constantly defends us and faithfully perseveres with us step by step, day by day. Second, this same Jesus will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. While the prospect of Jesus' return should inspire utter terror to those who continue to rebel against the King of Heaven – for those who know Him as Savior His appearing is an event we long for with eager anticipation. No one knows when this great and awesome day will come, but the inevitability of it should inspire every saint. The third fact assures us that we will not always struggle with the residual effects of our sinful nature. What a relief! Forgiveness has been achieved, but as we are painfully aware of, we are far from perfected. Our bodies, marvelous creations as they may be, are corrupted and will somehow or other give way to the gravity of death some day (unless the Lord returns first!). But when we see Jesus that will all change as our transformation into fully renewed, glorified creatures will be complete. We can't fathom the glory of that wonderful day, but knowing it is coming and knowing the Jesus we love reigns now should inspire us to live our lives fully and passionately for Him today and every day until we see Him face to face.