**Eschatology Overview Part I**

1. The Church Age

v.8 “You shall receive power” The Church Age v.11 “The same Jesus shall

“You shall be witnesses” come in like manner”

1. Eschatology - The study of last things

Broadly speaking, eschatology deals with the development and the consummation of the present age. It covers such topics as Gods plan for: The Church, Israel, Jerusalem, A new temple, victory, Satan, Christ’s Coming(s)…

1. Eschatology is somewhat unique within the study of theology

There has been no consensus throughout the NT era regarding the many particulars that comprise the study of eschatology. New Testament prophecies may be viewed Preteristically, historicistically, Idealistically, or Futuristically.

1. Eschatology’s difficulties derive (at least in part) from its complexity.

We must deal with:

* 1. Interpreting literally vs symbolically/metaphorically
  2. The Kingdom - its nature/development
  3. “The Day of the Lord,” “New Heavens and New Earth,” “The Lord’s Coming”
  4. OT Prophecies - Fulfilled? Prefulfillled? (Temple, Throne, David…)
  5. Who is Israel?
  6. Will Christ be victorious? What does Victory look like
  7. OT/NT - Which controls?
  8. AD70
  9. Figures of speech
  10. Passages’ intended audience
  11. Who enters the Millennium, what is their state?

1. From Acts Chapter 1 we learn;
   1. v.11 “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”
   2. v.8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”
   3. v.7 “And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.”