**If I Should Die Before I Wake**

**The Character of God Determines the Character of Created Reality**

**Week 5**

*“The Lord our God, the Lord is One”*

Dt. 6:4/Mk. 12:29

1. **Dualism is Disintegration**
2. Two separate competing realities
3. Heaven vs earth
4. Israel vs church
5. kingdom of God vs kingdom of heaven
6. rapture vs second coming
7. Savior vs Lord
8. **Glorification is Reunification**: the final step in the application of redemption = the application of Christ’s work of redemption to us will not be complete until our bodies are entirely free from the effects of the fall and brought to that state of perfection for which God created them
9. 1 Cor. 15:35-49
10. Rm. 8:17 “*fellow heirs with Christ, provided that we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him”*
11. Rm. 8:23 *“we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies”*
12. **The One God Returns Once to Accomplish One Thing**

*“I will come again and take you to myself”* (Jn. 14:3)

*“This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven”* (Acts 1:11)

1. 1 Thess. 4:13-18
2. Not a multistage secret event for the church only
3. 1 Cor. 15:20-26