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Christ's Coming – Climactic, Miraculous, and Life-Changing



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When we talk about the end-times, the number one subject is Christ's coming, His climactic intervention in human history that will dramatically affect everyone and everything on earth. If you are a Christian, you should be eagerly awaiting His return, for then you will be with Jesus Christ, be glorified, be in heaven, and be with all believers.

In this post, I am commenting on several 2nd coming verses. God wants you to learn about the coming of His Son so you can be encouraged, expectant, and know what to share with family, friends, and fellow believers. Matt. 24:29-31

Matthew 24:13 – *"The one who endures to the end, he will be saved."* Christians alive at the end of this age will be physically saved, will be

raptured and glorified. To be saved, they are to endure, to persevere, to keep going despite great persecution. This can only happen by the wonderful and powerful grace of God. 2 Cor. 9:8, 12:9-10

Matthew 24:30 – *"The sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory."* The disciple's question, *"What will be the sign of Your coming?"* (Matt. 24:3), is answered. The sign is the brilliant, lightning-like glory of Christ that precedes His coming (Matt. 24:27). Everyone in the world, *"all the tribes of the earth"* (Rev. 1:7), will see His glory, and immediately see Christ coming on the clouds.

Matthew 24:31 – *"He will send forth His angels – they will gather together the elect."* This verse is about the gathering of all the believers. At the sound of a great trumpet, the angels will gather from the earth (*"the four winds"*) believers who had survived the great tribulation (Matt. 24:9, 22, 29), and gather from the heavens (*"one end of the sky to another"*) believers who had already died. They will instantly be taken *"to meet the Lord in the air."* Mark 13:27, 1 Thess. 4:17, 2 Thess. 2:1

Matthew 24:37-41 – *"The coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah… There will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left."* In the days of Noah, the righteous *"entered the ark"*, were taken to a safe place, and the unrighteous were left on earth to die in the flood, to suffer God's wrath. In the days of the Son of Man, the righteous will be raptured and taken to Christ, and the unrighteous left on earth will suffer God's wrath during the day of the Lord. 2 Thess. 1:9-10

Luke 21:25-28 – *"When these things begin to take place… your redemption is drawing near."* There will be *"signs in the sun and moon and stars",* signals to us that this age has come to an end (Matt. 24:3,

29). The unbelievers will be *"fainting from fear* (scared to death) for they know *"the wrath of the Lamb... has come"* (Rev. 6:12-17). Believers will see these signs and then see Christ come *"in a cloud with power and great glory",* and immediately be glorified and redeemed, rescued from God's wrath, and then be taken to Christ the Savior. Matt. 24:32-34, Eph. 1:14

John 14:1-3 – *"Believe in God, believe also in Me... I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."* Jesus knows we get stressed out by the troubles of life. He also knows there will be great troubles, great tribulation in the end-times. So what does Jesus tell us to do? To have faith, to believe that He and His Father will take care of us (Matt. 11:28-29, John 16:33). Jesus also tells us to have hope, to believe that He is preparing an eternal home for us in heaven. Then He says He will return to take us to our most beautiful and glorious home. And we will live forever with Jesus, One who loves us more than anyone else! What a miracle! Rev. 21:1-21

1 Corinthians 15:50-57 – *"The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."* This prophecy passage about Christ's 2nd coming tells us what will happen, why it will happen, and when it will happen. First, we learn what happens – that all believers, those in heaven and those on earth will become like Christ Himself (1 John 3:2), be changed, be altogether perfect. Then we learn why it happens, that we must receive an imperishable and immortal body to live in heaven. *"O death, where is your victory?"* Finally, we learn when it happens, that it takes place at the last trumpet, and that it occurs *"in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."*

Philippians 3:20-21 – *"We eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory."* At the end of this age, Jesus Christ is coming back to transform our weak, sin-prone body so that it will be like His immortal body. We should be eagerly waiting, be looking forward to being glorified, and being forever with Jesus.

1 Thessalonians. 4:16-17 – *"The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout… and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air…"* At Christ's coming, those who have already died will be raised, be glorified. Then those still alive on earth will be glorified, and raptured, caught up with those who were just raised. Then we will meet Christ, and together "*we shall always be with the Lord."* What an exciting, exhilarating time this will be, when our salvation is complete, and we are all together with Christ!

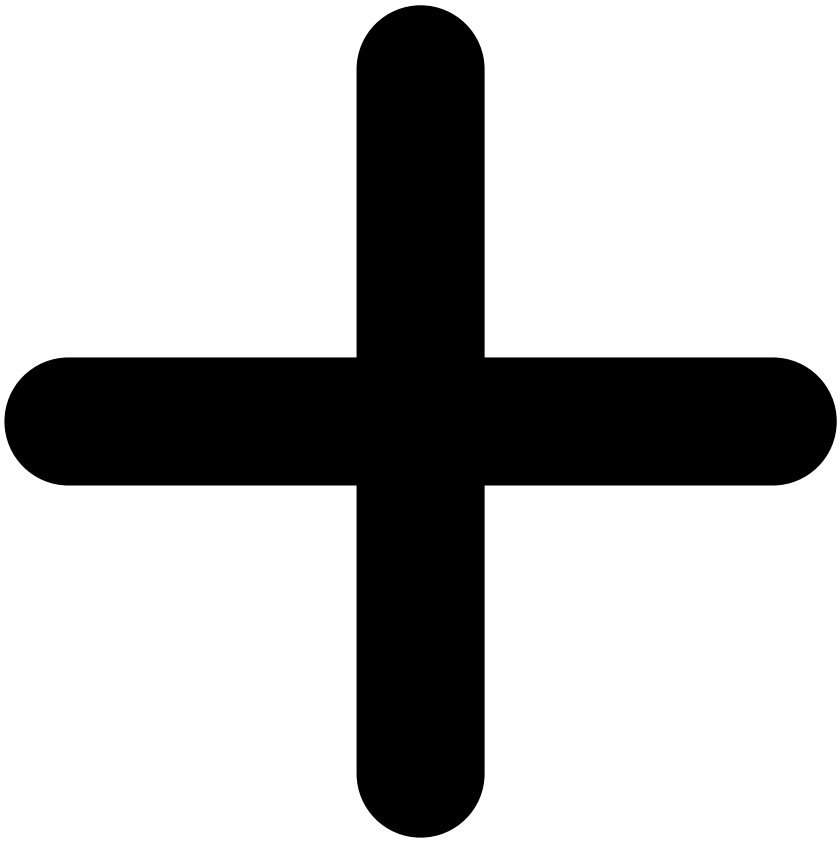
2 Thessalonians 1:9-10 – *"… when He* (Christ) *comes to be glorified in His saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed."* Jesus Christ is coming back to be glorified in His holy ones, in the lives of all those who trusted in Him for their salvation. That Christ will be glorified in us is another way to say that we will be glorified, that we will become like Him. Just after this, God will begin judging all those on earth who don't know God, who weren't chosen, who didn't believe in Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 – *"… with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together with Him…"* This verse clearly states that it is at Christ's coming that we will be gathered to Him. Matt. 24:31 also speaks of being gathered to Christ – *"the angels… will gather together His elect…"* And we are glorified, we receive our brand new bodies just before we *"meet the Lord in the air."* 1 Thess. 4:17

1 John 3:2-3 – *"We know that when He* (Christ) *appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is."* Can you imagine having a body like Christ's, one that is powerful, immortal, glorious, and spiritual (1 Cor. 15:42-44)? It is *"at His coming"* (1 Jn. 2:28), when Christ appears, that we will be made like Him, that we will be glorified. And for the first time, we will see Him and be with Him. *"In my flesh I shall see God; I will see Him with my own eyes… How my heart yearns within me."* Job 19:25-27

I want to conclude with more verses that talk about Christ's coming. Mark 13:27 – *"Then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven."* **Luke 12:40** – *"Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."* **Rom. 8:23** – *"We groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body."* **Col. 3:4** – *"When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."* **1 Thess. 5:23** – *"May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit, soul, and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* **Titus 2:13** – *"… looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."* **Heb. 10:37** – *"For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay."* **James 5:8** – *"Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is near."* **1 Pet. 1:13** – *"Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Christ."* **Rev. 1:7** – *"Behold, He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him."* **Rev. 22:12** – *"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."*

P.S, I have written many posts on Christ's coming and the rapture of the church, and that's because it is so important for Christians to understand. Here are some more: *"The Rapture of the Christians at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ"*, *"The Coming of Christ and the Triumph of the Church"*, *"The Timing of the Rapture"*, "*A Sin-Wrecked World and the Coming of Christ"*, and *"The Rapture Won't Happen Until…"*





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