

HE'S COMING AGAIN

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We rejoice in the promises by the prophets of His coming. We celebrate His birth. We rejoice in the words spoken during His ministry on earth. We celebrate His death, burial, and resurrection the third day. We see Him being caught up into the clouds as he departs this earth. Is that all? No. He is coming again! He is coming again to get His friends and brethren, armed with the greatness of His God given power. (Matthew 28:18).

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world (John 17:24)." It is evident that Christ's desire is to be with His brethren and for them to be with Him where He is now. He is alive! Thank God His Son and our Saviour is alive.

The question then becomes, who are those given unto the Son? Christ said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee: As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him" (See John 17:1 & 2). The apostle Paul said, "Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them he also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified (Romans 8:31)." These are the ones that were given unto Christ. They are the called, justified, and glorified of God; the Elect of God, saints of God, chosen of God, perfected by Christ Jesus, the everlastingly beloved children of God.

Another question is, where is Christ now? An angel told Mary at His tomb: "He is not here: for He is risen (Matthew 28:6)." Christ said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there may ye be

also (John 14:3)." He will come again and His purpose is to deliver His brethren up to ever be in the presence of God the Father, because that is where He is now (Acts 7:56, Heb. 8:1, Mark 16:19). The saints will behold the God-given glory of the Son of God, and the indescribable glory of God the Father in that bright land that shall never end. What a glorious hope that we will be blessed to be in that number whose names were written in heaven (Hebrews 12:23).

Christ described His coming again thusly: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Matthew 24:30)." The apostle Paul described His coming again thusly: "The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians. 4:16-18)."

No more comforting words than these have ever entered into my soul because they say that He is coming again for His own, and I hope to be one with them.

"And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matt. 24:31)."

No matter where the Elect are at His return, whether on the highest mountain or in the uttermost depths of the sea, they will come forth in His image and be gathered together, and with all the risen Family of God go home to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (1

John 3:2)." "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever (Psalm 23:6)."

Paul wrote: "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory (Colossians 3:4)." We have no concept of the glory that shall be revealed in us at His coming if we are His. When speaking unto His Father, Christ said, "And the glory which thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one even as We are one (John 17:22)."

There is no more joy on earth than when brethren dwell together in the unity of God's holy Spirit of love. It is a foretaste of that life and immortality that Christ has brought to light through the gospel of peace (2 Timothy 1:10).

The purpose of this world is not for one generation to rise up, then die off and another generation come forth. The purpose of this world is to prepare the family of God for their eternal home. When the last child of God has put on immortality and incorruption, then shall come the end and death will be swallowed up in that victory the family of God have in Jesus Christ our Lord.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself (Philippians 3:20-21)." We must have a glorified, incorruptible, immortal, spiritual body with power to ascend on high and forever be a temple of that Holy Spirit which will allow us to render praise and honor, and glory to God and to the Lamb throughout eternity (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)." The following few scriptures refer to His return to receive you unto Himself that where He is there may ye may be also. There are many others:

We are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of

the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13)."

"Behold, He cometh with Clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they that pierced Him (Revelation 1:7)."

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me in that day: and not me only but unto all them also that love His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8)."

"And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away (1 Peter 5:4)."

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Hebrews 9:28)."

As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death till He come (1 Corinthians 11:26)."

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven' (Acts 1: 9)"

He is coming again! Amen.

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