

Second Coming Part Two

Due to the length of this topic the lesson begun in Second Coming Part One will now continue and conclude as the lesson Second Coming Part Two.

What will happen on the day Jesus comes again?

John 12:47-48 “And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

Jesus came to Earth the first time and sacrificed Himself on the cross so that we can be saved, if we are obedient. When Christ returns, we will be judged by His Word, the Bible, that He gave us, so that we can know what is expected of us. We have a handbook for salvation, if we will only use it. Any man that rejects Christ’s Word has rejected Him, and is therefore already judged by their own disobedience.

1 Corinthians 15:26 “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” Christ’s return ends death. Death will be forever defeated. All mankind shall live forever after Christ returns either in Heaven or Hell.

Colossians 3:2-4 “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” When Christ returns all of His obedient children shall live with Him in glory forever.

2 Peter 3:10-13 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” When Jesus comes again it will be the end of this world. Not only will no one live on Earth any longer, it will no longer exist. Faithful Christians shall live eternally in Heaven, just as the disobedient shall live eternally in Hell.

Revelation 20:11-15 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” When Christ comes again it is Judgment Day. All the dead shall be resurrected and stand before God. On that day everyone that is not found to be in God’s book of life shall be cast into Hell for all eternity.

All God's faithful Christians will be in God's book of life, and will go on to a Heavenly home eternally.

Why is Jesus coming again?

Matthew 7:21-27 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Jesus will come again to reward all that are obedient with eternal salvation, and condemn all that are disobedient with eternal condemnation. Obedience and disobedience are determined by if one has followed God's will or not. Note that some people might just be surprised that day. One must both hear the word and do what it requires in order to go to Heaven.

Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." When Christ returns, Judgement Day, all mankind will be divided into two groups. All mankind will enter into their eternal reward, based on their obedience to the Word of God, or be told to depart forever away from the presence of God into everlasting punishment, based on their disobedience to the Word of God.

Jesus will create no third group, or the group of the pretty good people, or the not so bad people. Jesus will judge one as either on the right hand or the left hand.

1 Corinthians 15:24 “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.” Jesus will return to deliver His kingdom, which is the church to God. All of Christ’s people are in His kingdom, or the church. All people not in Christ’s kingdom, the church, are not His people and will not go to Heaven. Clearly, one must be in Christ’s kingdom to go to Heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” When Christ returns all people, living and dead, will appear before His judgement seat, and be judged by what they have done. No one can escape judgement. We all might as well prepare for judgement, because we shall all face it, so why not be prepared? We shall all be judged for our own actions and no one else’s. No one else’s actions can either save, or condemn us. This is incredibly fair. We all have the same standard to meet, and will all be judged by meeting it or failing to meet it.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 “For 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.” When Christ returns everyone will know what is going on. It will be an amazing sight to see Jesus descending from Heaven that day. It appears Jesus will remain in the air and never actually set foot on the Earth. Christ will call all of His people, living and dead, to meet Him in the air and then go to Heaven with Him forever.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;” Unfortunately, Christ’s return means doom to all that are not obedient to God. We are quite specifically told when Christ returns, all that are not obedient to the Gospel will face eternal destruction, and be banished from the presences of the Lord. Belief is essential, but not enough, obedience is necessary to be pleasing to God.

2 Timothy 4:1 “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;” When Christ returns, He will judge all people that are living at the time He comes back, and people that have ever lived before then as well. No one will escape Judgement when Christ returns, but we all have the power to go with Him to Heaven that day, if we are obedient Christians.

Hebrews 9:27-28 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 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.” Every human ever born will eventually die, (unless they are alive when Jesus returns), and all of mankind shall face judgement by Christ. He died

for all mankind, so that all of us can have the opportunity to be saved eternally. Those that look for Jesus' return, or are prepared for His second coming, will take advantage of the opportunity He gave to us all, and will be saved. Those that do not prepare for Jesus' second coming will lose their souls, because they failed to take advantage of the opportunity Christ has given us all.

What should we do as we wait for Jesus to come again?

Matthew 10:22 "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." and **Revelation 2:10** "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Both of these scriptures stress the importance of enduring to the end. Faithful Christians will have difficult times in this life but, no matter what difficulties a Christian may face in this life, it will be well worth it to be saved, and go to Heaven when Christ returns. This should be a comfort to all faithful Christians as a reminder that their eternal reward will be more than worth the effort. Hopefully, these scriptures also remind us that those that do not endure to the end will fall short, and miss out on Heaven when Christ returns.

Matthew 24:42-44 "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." We should be making ourselves ready for Jesus' second coming now. We need to be ready and watching for Him because we don't know when He will return, it could be any moment.

Acts 2:22-24 "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." and **Acts 2:30-38** "Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Christians need to be spreading the Word of God, teaching others about Christ. Christians have the duty to try and teach others, so that they too can become God's children. One

way we grow as Christians is by trying to teach others, which also helps us be ready for Christ's return, whenever it may be.

1 Corinthians 1:6-8 "Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." and **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." and **James 5:7-8** "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." As Christians, while we are making ourselves ready for Christ's return, we must be patient. Jesus will come again whenever God, in His wisdom, deems the time to be right. Jesus could return many years from now, long after we have all passed away, or it could be in seconds. No matter when Christ returns if we have made ourselves ready, we will go to Heaven. No matter when Christ is coming, the time is drawing nearer each moment.

Philippians 2:12 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Each of us is responsible for getting ourselves ready for when Christ returns. We are all responsible for our own obedience or disobedience to the Gospel of Christ. Christians can certainly support each other, but we are each responsible for our own actions. Our loved ones can neither qualify or disqualify us from a home in Heaven. It is up to each of us to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." If one is prepared for Christ's return, they can make the statement in the last scripture with full confidence knowing that when Christ returns, whenever that may be, He will take them to Heaven. Can I make that statement? Can you? If not whatever our short comings may be, we must fix them now before it is too late and we miss Heaven. The only real purpose of this life is to make ourselves ready to be able to go to Heaven, when Christ returns.

1 Peter 4:12-14 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." Faithful Christians will face difficulties in this life but, they can be glad and joyful when those sufferings are for the cause of Christ. When Jesus comes again, living and suffering for Him will be proven to be well worth while as eternity is spent in Heaven.

Conclusion

Hopefully, in this two part lesson we have seen that, according to the Bible when Christ comes again it will be Judgement Day. We have learned that the Bible tell us no one, other than God, knows when Christ will return, and that trying to predict when it will happen is a waste of time. We should be watching for Him and preparing for His return, because it could happen any moment. The Bible tells us when Christ returns, we need to be ready for Him, by being a faithful Christian, and that all of His obedient followers will go to Heaven for all eternity. However, we have also learned when Christ returns that all people that are found to be unfaithful and disobedient will spend eternity in Hell. So now is the time to prepare and get ready for Christ's return, tomorrow may be too late.