

# The Second Coming of Christ

Hebrews 9:27-28

- I. **The message of the Bible – salvation in Christ – tell us:**
  - a. The Savior is needed. Genesis 3:6-8; 1 John 3:4; Romans 3:23
  - b. The Savior is coming. Genesis 12:1-3.
  - c. The Savior has come; He is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:30-31
  - d. Christ is coming again. Acts 1:11
- II. **The second coming of Christ is described in various terms in the New Testament.**
  - a. The day of God. 2 Peter 3:12
  - b. The day of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:2
  - c. The day of the Lord Jesus. Philippians 1:6
  - d. The last day. John 6:39, 40, 44
  - e. The second coming of the Lord must not be confused with other comings of the Lord. For example:
    - i. Matthew 24:30 – the Lord coming in judgment upon Jerusalem, in that generation to which he was speaking (v.34)
    - ii. Mark 9:1 – the kingdom of God coming (cf. Acts 2)
- III. **The New Testament teaches Christ is coming again. We can be assured of it.**
  - a. Hebrews 9:27-28
  - b. Christ said He would. John 14:1-3
  - c. The angels said He would. Acts 1:9-11
  - d. The apostle John wrote that He would. 1 John 3:2
  - e. The apostle Paul wrote that He would. Colossians 3:3-4
  - f. The apostle Peter wrote that He would. 2 Peter 3:9-10, 14; 1 Peter 1:7-9
  - g. Acts 17:30-31
- IV. **The New Testament tells us some things about the time of His coming.**
  - a. No one knows the time but God. Matthew 24:35-37
  - b. His coming will occur when men are going about their normal routines; no visible warning sign. Matthew 24:37-39. (compare to Matthew 24:4-36 speaking of the judgment upon/destruction of Jerusalem which would be preceded by visible signs)
  - c. Will be unexpected by men. Matthew 24:42-44
    - i. As a thief. 2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:2
    - ii. Sudden. 1 Thessalonians 5:3
- V. **The New Testament tells us some things about the manner of His coming.**
  - a. Not representatively but personally. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
  - b. Not secretly but visibly. Revelation 1:7; Acts 1:9-11.
    - i. 1 Peter 1:7, 13 – a revelation, a manifestation, an appearing

- c. Gloriously. Matthew 16:27; 25:31; Luke 9:26; 2 Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13

**VI. These events are inseparably tied to Christ's second coming:**

- a. The resurrection of the dead, both good and bad. John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15
  - i. Will occur at the last day. John 6:39-40, 44, 54.
  - ii. At the last trumpet. 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
  - iii. The raised will be given a spiritual body. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
  - iv. Those who are alive will be changed to a spiritual body. 1 Corinthians 15:50-53
  - v. Those who are alive in Christ at His coming will not precede those who died in Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
- b. The judgment of both the just and the unjust. Matthew 25:31-46 "when He comes"
  - i. Will result in a separation to heaven and to hell. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
- c. The destruction of the heavens and the earth. Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:7-13; Hebrews 1:10-12.
- d. The kingdom, the church, will be presented to the Father. 1 Corinthians 15:23-26.
- e. See the association of all these events:
  - i. Second coming associated with judgment and eternal salvation (Hebrews 9:27-28; 1 Peter 1:9)
  - ii. Judgment associated with the resurrection (John 5:28-29)
  - iii. Destruction of the heavens and the earth associated with the judgment (2 Peter 3:7-12)
  - iv. Resurrection associated with the end when Christ delivers the kingdom to the Father and destroys death (1 Corinthians 15:22-26)

**VII. So what?**

- a. Today is the day of salvation. Matthew 25:10; 1 Peter 1:13; Matthew 28:20; 1 Corinthians 11:26
- b. Men need to recognize that His not coming yet is the longsuffering of God for man's repentance and salvation. 2 Peter 3:9,15.
- c. When men predict His second coming based on signs or state of affairs on this earth, they err and attempt to do what Jesus said was not possible. They distract and divert attention away from the faith.
- d. Christians ought to live this way then:
  - i. Hastening the day in hope. 2 Peter 3:12; Hebrews 9:28; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Peter 1:5
  - ii. In holy conduct and godliness; thus ready. 2 Peter 3:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
  - iii. Busy in the Lord's work. John 9:4