

Are You Ready for the Second Coming of Christ?

A Biblical Examination of Christ's Return

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Introduction

The return of Jesus Christ is one of the most certain events in all of Scripture.

The Bible does not ask **if** Christ will return—it declares that He **will** return.

The real question is not:

"Is Jesus coming again?"

The real question is:

"Am I ready when He comes?"

No event will be more significant than the Second Coming of Christ. When Jesus returns, every person who has ever lived will stand before Him. Eternity will begin, and every opportunity to prepare will be gone.

Christ Promised He Would Return

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus comforted His disciples with these words:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14:3 (ESV)

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His promise has never failed.

The Angels Confirmed It

As the disciples watched Jesus ascend into heaven, two angels said:

"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

The One who ascended will one day return.

Christ Will Return Unexpectedly

Jesus repeatedly warned that no one knows when He will come.

"Concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

Matthew 24:36

Because His return is unknown, we must always be prepared.

The Second Coming Will Be Visible

The Bible never describes Christ's return as secret.

Paul wrote:

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God."

1 Thessalonians 4:16

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John declared:

"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him."

Revelation 1:7

The Second Coming will be witnessed by all.

The Dead Will Be Raised

Jesus said:

"An hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come out..."

John 5:28–29

There will be one universal resurrection.

The righteous will rise to eternal life.

The wicked will rise to judgment.

The Judgment Will Follow

Paul declared:

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:10

Every thought, word, and deed will be brought into judgment.

No one will be overlooked.

No one will escape.

The Earth Will Pass Away

Peter wrote:

"The heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved..."

2 Peter 3:10

The present world is temporary.

Our eternal home lies beyond this life.

Can We Predict Christ's Return?

No.

Throughout history, many have claimed to know the date of Christ's return.

Every prediction has failed.

Jesus plainly said:

"Therefore stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Matthew 24:42

Anyone claiming to know the day or year contradicts the words of Jesus.

How Can We Be Ready?

The Bible gives a clear answer.

Believe in Christ

"Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

Repent of Sin

"God... commands all people everywhere to repent."

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord... you will be saved."

Romans 10:9–10

Be Scripturally Baptized

Peter preached:

"Repent and be baptized every one of you... for the forgiveness of your sins."

Acts 2:38

Live Faithfully

Jesus said:

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 2:10

Preparing for Christ's return is not a one-time decision. It is a lifetime of faithful discipleship.

What If Christ Returned Today?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Have I obeyed the gospel?
- Am I living faithfully?
- Have I repented of known sin?
- Have I forgiven others?
- Is Christ truly first in my life?
- If Jesus returned today, would I rejoice—or would I be ashamed?

These are not merely religious questions. They are eternal questions.

There Will Be No Second Chance

The Bible teaches that after death comes judgment.

"It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment."

Hebrews 9:27

When Christ returns, the opportunity to prepare will have ended.

Today is the day to obey God.

The Hope of the Christian

The Second Coming is not something faithful Christians should fear.

Paul described it as:

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"...our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

Titus 2:13

For the faithful, Christ's return means:

- the end of suffering
- victory over death
- eternal fellowship with God
- everlasting joy

Conclusion

Jesus is coming again.

The only uncertainty is **when**.

The wise person does not wait for signs or predictions. He prepares today.

The greatest question you will ever answer is not:

"When will Christ return?"

It is:

"Will I be ready when He does?"

Don't delay your obedience.

Live each day as though it could be your last, knowing that one day you will stand before the King of kings.

"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Matthew 24:44

Reflection Questions

1. What does the Bible teach about the certainty of Christ's return?
 2. Why is it impossible to predict the date of the Second Coming?
 3. What events will occur when Jesus returns?
 4. What must a person do to be prepared?
 5. If Christ returned today, would you be ready?
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Key Scriptures

- John 14:1–3
 - Acts 1:9–11
 - Matthew 24:36–44
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
 - Revelation 1:7
 - John 5:28–29
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - Hebrews 9:27
 - 2 Peter 3:10–13
 - Acts 2:38
 - Revelation 2:10
 - Titus 2:13
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A Final Appeal

One day, every sermon will have been preached, every invitation extended, and every opportunity to obey the gospel will have passed. The question will no longer be whether Christ is coming—but whether we were ready.

Do not put off your obedience to another day. Place your faith in Christ, turn from sin, confess His name, be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, and live faithfully until He comes.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)
