

Jesus Will Return

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Forward

THE EVENTS OF CHRIST'S RETURN

1. Christ will return visibly, with a loud command.
2. There will be an unmistakable cry from an angel.
3. There will be a trumpet fanfare such as has never been heard.
4. Believers in Christ who are dead will rise from their grave.
5. Believers who are alive will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

While Christians have often disagreed about what events will lead up to the return of Christ, there has been less disagreement about what will happen once Christ does return.

When I was a lad, I heard a man once say that he dreamed that the Lord came and at first he had a hard time getting off of the ground, because he felt unworthy to meet the Lord in the air.

This story and some artist concepts of the Lord return formed a picture in my mind that did not accurately portray the return of the Lord for those watching and waiting for his return.

I am convinced that most people do not feel worthy, because many things happen to shape our self-image.

I was the middle child in a large family, living on a farm and feeling that I seldom met the mark for excellence.

I once told the Lord that I wanted to feel more capable of doing superior work for him. I felt nothing I ever did was superior.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed to me that if I was not as I am, that I would be of no use to the kingdom of God.

Because of happenings in my life, I came to know that everything I did that was worthwhile was only done to give glory to God.

Does the Spirit of God dwell in you? You no doubt will say, “Yes indeed”.

If the Spirit of God dwells in you, the same Spirit that raised Christ from the grave, is the same spirit that makes you a part of those Who are ready for the return of Jesus the Christ.

If you have the Spirit of God in you, continue in prayer and watching, for you are among those who shall be prepared for Christ’s coming.

In this study, I wish to share with you many of the Scriptures that help us to have an understanding and a hope, as we prepare for the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Chapter 1



How to prepare for Christ coming

Matthew 24:3

"Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'there he is,' don't pay any attention.

Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the very place where the prophet Zechariah had predicted that the Messiah would stand when he came to establish his kingdom (Zech. 14:4).

It was a fitting place for the disciples to ask Jesus when he would come in power and what they could expect then.

Jesus' reply emphasized the events that would take place before the end of the age. He pointed out that his disciples should be less concerned with knowing the exact date and more concerned with being prepared—living God's way consistently so that no matter when Jesus came in glory, he would claim them as his own.

Luke 12:40

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when you think not.

Jesus repeatedly said that he would leave this world but would return at some future time (see Matthew 24-25; John 14:1-3). He

also said that a kingdom is being prepared for his followers. Many Greeks envisioned this as a heavenly, idealized, spiritual kingdom.

Jews—like Isaiah and John, the writer of Revelation—saw it as a restored earthly kingdom.

Christ's return at an unexpected time is not a trap, a trick by which God hopes to catch us off guard.

In fact, God is delaying his return so more people will have the opportunity to follow him. 2 Peter 3:9. Before Christ's return, we have time to live out our beliefs and to reflect Jesus' love as we relate to others.

People who are ready for their Lord's return are:

- (1) not hypocritical, but sincere (Luke 12:1),
- (2) not fearful, but ready to witness (Luke 12:4-9),
- (3) not worried, but trusting (Luke 12:25-26),
- (4) not greedy, but generous (Luke 12:34),
- (5) not lazy, but diligent (Luke 12:37).

May your life be more like Christ's so that when he comes, you will be ready to greet him with joy.

Christ coming will be unmistakable. ' "

Matthew 24:24-28

For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great miraculous signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.

See, I have warned you. "So if someone tells you, 'Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,' don't bother to go and look. Or, 'Look, he is hiding here,' don't believe it!

For as the lightning lights up the entire sky, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

Jesus' warnings about false teachers still hold true.

Upon close examination it becomes clear that many nice-sounding messages don't agree with God's message in the Bible.

Only a solid foundation in God's Word can equip us to perceive the errors and distortions in false teaching.

In times of persecution even strong believers will find it difficult to be loyal.

To keep from being deceived by false messiahs, we must understand that Jesus' return will be unmistakable (Mark 13:26);

no one will doubt that it is he. If you have to be told that the Messiah has come, then he hasn't (Matthew 24:27). Christ's coming will be obvious to everyone.

Luke 17:23-24

"Reports will reach you that the Son of Man has returned and that he is in this place or that. Don't believe such reports or go out to look for him.

For when the Son of Man returns, you will know it beyond all doubt. It will be as evident as the lightning that flashes across the sky.

The Pharisees asked when God's kingdom would come, not knowing that it had already arrived.

The kingdom of God is not like an earthly kingdom with geographical boundaries.

Instead, it begins with the work of God's Spirit in people's lives and in relationships.

Still today we must resist looking to institutions or programs for evidence of the progress of God's kingdom.

Instead, we should look for what God is doing in people's hearts.

We need not know exact date of Christ coming.

Matthew 24:36

"However, no one knows the day or the hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

It is good that we don't know exactly when Christ will return. If we knew the precise date, we might be tempted to be lazy in our work for Christ. Worse yet, we might plan to keep sinning and then turn to God right at the end. Heaven is not our only goal; we have work to do here. And we must keep on doing it until death or until we see the unmistakable return of our Savior.

1 Thes. 5:1-3

I really don't need to write to you about how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters.

For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

When people are saying, "All is well; everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall upon them as suddenly as a woman's birth pains begin when her child is about to be born. And there will be no escape.

Efforts to determine the date of Christ's return are foolish.

Don't be misled by anyone who claims to know. We are told here that no one knows and that even believers will be surprised.

The Lord will return suddenly and unexpectedly, warns Paul, so be ready! Because no one knows when Jesus will come back to earth, we should be ready at all times.

Suppose he were to return today. How would he find you living? Are you ready to meet him? Live each day prepared to welcome Christ.

The "day of the Lord" is a time when God will intervene directly and dramatically in world affairs.

Predicted and discussed often in the Old Testament (Isaiah 13:6-12; Joel 2:28-32; Zeph. 1:14-18), the day of the Lord will include both punishment and blessing. Christ will judge sin and set up his eternal kingdom.

Rev. 22:20

He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

We don't know the day or the hour, but Jesus is coming soon and unexpectedly.

This is good news to those who trust him, but a terrible message for those who have rejected him and stand under judgment. *Soon* means at any moment, and we must be ready for him, always prepared for his return.

Chapter 2



Christ coming will be swift and sudden

Matthew 24:40-42

"Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.

So be prepared, because you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

Christ's second coming will be swift and sudden. There will be no opportunity for last-minute repentance or bargaining. The choice we have already made will determine our eternal destiny.

Matthew 24:50

The Master will return unannounced and unexpected.

Why Jesus talked about his coming

Matthew 24:44

You also must be ready all the time. For the Son of Man will come when least expected.

How to live now until Jesus comes

Matthew 25:1

"The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

The difference between Jesus Birth of Christ his Return

Matthew 12:48

Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"

Believers will be “blameless” when Christ returns

1 Cor. 1:7-9

Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will keep you strong right up to the end, and he will keep you free from all blame on the great day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will surely do this for you, for he always does just what he says, and he is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chapter 3



What will occur when Christ returns?

1 Thes. 3:11-13

May God himself, our Father, and our Lord Jesus make it possible for us to come to you very soon.

And may the Lord make your love grow and overflow to each other and to everyone else, just as our love overflows toward you.

As a result, Christ will make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy when you stand before God our Father on that day when our Lord Jesus comes with all those who belong to him.

“When our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones” refers to the second coming of Christ when he will establish his eternal kingdom.

At that time, Christ will gather all believers, those who have died and those who are alive, into one united family under his rule.

All believers from all times, including these Thessalonians, will be with Christ in his kingdom.

If we are full of God’s love, it will overflow to others. It’s not enough merely to be courteous to others; we must actively and persistently show love to them.

Our love should be growing continually.

If your capacity to love has remained unchanged for some time, ask God to fill you again with his never-ending supply. Then look for opportunities to express his love.

Don't quit serving God to wait for Christ coming.

2 Thes. 3:6-13

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command with the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from any Christian who lives in idleness and doesn't follow the tradition of hard work we gave you.

For you know that you ought to follow our example. We were never lazy when we were with you.

We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

It wasn't that we didn't have the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow.

Even while we were with you, we gave you this rule: "Whoever does not work should not eat."

Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and wasting time meddling in other people's business.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we appeal to such people—no, we command them: Settle down and get to work. Earn your own living.

And I say to the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good.

2 Thes. 3:14-15

Take note of those who refuse to obey what we say in this letter. Stay away from them so they will be ashamed.

Don't think of them as enemies, but speak to them as you would to a Christian who needs to be warned.

Some people in the Thessalonian church were falsely teaching that because Christ would return any day, people should set aside their responsibilities, quit work, do no future planning, and just wait for the Lord.

But their lack of activity only led them into sin. They became a burden to the church, which was supporting them; they wasted time that could have been used for helping others; and they became “busybodies” (2 Thes. 3:11).

These church members may have thought that they were being more spiritual by not working, but Paul tells them to be responsible and get back to work.

Being ready for Christ means obeying him in every area of life. Because we know that Christ is coming, we must live in such a way that our faith and our daily practice will please him when he arrives.

A “busybody” is a gossip. An idle person who doesn’t work ends up filling his or her time with less than helpful activities, like gossip.

Rumors and hearsay are tantalizing, exciting to hear, and make us feel like insiders.

But they tear people down.

If you often find your nose in other people’s business, you may be underemployed.

Look for a task to do for Christ or for your family, and get to work.

Paul counseled the church to stop supporting financially and associating with those who persisted in their idleness.

Hunger and loneliness can be very effective ways to make the idle person become productive.

Paul was not advising coldness or cruelty, but the kind of tough love that a person would show a brother or sister.

Chapter 4



Christ coming will be a terrible event for unbelievers.

2 Peter 3:10-11

But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment.

Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living!

The day of the Lord is the day of God's judgment on the earth. Here it is used in reference to Christ's return.

Christ's return will be sudden and terrible for those who do not believe in him. But if we are morally clean and spiritually alert, it won't come as a surprise.

For other prophetic pictures of the day of the Lord, see Isaiah 34:4; Joel 3:15-16; Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; Rev. 6:12-17.

Realizing that the earth is going to be burned up, we should put our confidence in what is lasting and eternal and not be bound to earth and its treasures or pursuits.

Do you spend more of your time piling up possessions, or striving to develop Christlike character?

The powers of evil will be abolished

Matthew 25:41

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:

This parable describes acts of mercy we all can do every day.

These acts do not depend on wealth, ability, or intelligence; they are simple acts freely given and freely received.

We have no excuse to neglect those who have deep needs, and we cannot hand over this responsibility to the church or government.

Jesus demands our personal involvement in caring for others' needs (Isaiah 58:7).

Rev. 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Satan's power is not eternal—he will meet his doom. He began his evil work in mankind at the beginning (Genesis 3:1-6) and

continues it today, but he will be destroyed when he is thrown into the lake of burning sulfur.

The devil will be released from the Abyss (“his prison,” Rev. 20:7), but he will never be released from the fiery lake. He will never be a threat to anyone again.

A renovation of all things will occur

2 Peter 3:7-10

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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.

In Noah’s day the earth was judged by water; at the second coming it will be judged by fire. This fire is described in Rev. 19:20; Rev. 20:10-15.

God may have seemed slow to these believers as they faced persecution every day and longed to be delivered. But God is not slow; he just is not on *our* timetable (Psalm 90:4).

Jesus is waiting so that more sinners will repent and turn to him.

We must not sit and wait for Christ to return, but we should live with the realization that time is short and that we have important work to do. Be ready to meet Christ any time, even today; yet plan your course of service as though he may not return for many years.

2 Peter 3:12

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?

The rule of Christ is eternal

Rev. 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

The seventh trumpet is sounded, announcing the arrival of the King. There is now no turning back. The coming judgments are no longer partial, but complete in their destruction.

God is in control, and he unleashes his full wrath on the evil world that refuses to turn to him (Rev. 9:20-21).

Chapter 5



Christ arrival will be known by all

1 Cor. 15:23

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Because Jesus Christ came back to life, so will all believers.

All Christians, including those living when Christ returns, will live with Christ forever.

Therefore, we need not despair when loved ones die or world events take a tragic turn. God will turn our tragedies to triumphs, our poverty to riches, our pain to glory, and our defeat to victory.

All believers throughout history will stand reunited in God's very presence, safe and secure.

As Paul comforted the Thessalonians with the promise of the resurrection, so we should comfort and reassure each other with this great hope.

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At that time, Christ will gather all believers, those who have died and those who are alive, into one united family under his rule. All believers from all times, including these Thessalonians, will be with Christ in his kingdom.

When Paul was with the Thessalonians, he didn’t flatter them, didn’t seek their praise, and didn’t become a burden to them.

He and Silas completely focused their efforts on presenting God’s message of salvation to the Thessalonians. This was important! The Thessalonian believers had their lives changed by God, not Paul; it was Christ’s message they believed, not Paul’s.

When we witness for Christ, our focus should not be on the impressions we make. As true ministers of Christ, we should point to him, not to ourselves.

The commandment to love others is both old and new. It is old because it comes from the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:18).

It is new because Jesus interpreted it in a radically new way (John 13:34-35).

In the Christian church, love is not only expressed by showing respect; it is also expressed through self-sacrifice and servanthood (John 15:13). In fact, it can be defined as “selfless giving,” reaching beyond friends to enemies and persecutors (Matthew 5:43-48).

Love should be the unifying force and the identifying mark of the Christian community.

Love is the key to walking in the light, because we cannot grow spiritually while we hate others. Our growing relationship with God will result in growing relationships with others.

Chapter 6



Signs Concerning Christ Coming

Tribulation:

Mark 13:19

For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation that God created unto this time, neither shall be.

The “abomination that causes desolation” is the desecration of the temple by God’s enemies.

This happened repeatedly in Israel’s history: in 597 B.C. when Nebuchadnezzar looted the temple and took Judean captives to Babylon (2 Chron. 36); in 168 B.C. when Antiochus Epiphanes sacrificed a pig to Zeus on the sacred temple altar (Daniel 9:27; Daniel 11:30-31);

In A.D. 70 when the Roman general Titus placed an idol on the site of the burned-out temple after the destruction of Jerusalem. Just a few years after Jesus gave this warning, in A.D. 38, the emperor Caligula made plans to put his own statue in the temple, but he died before this could be carried out.

Is it possible for Christians to be deceived? Yes. So convincing will be the arguments and proofs from deceivers in the end times that it will be difficult *not* to fall away from Christ. If we are prepared, Jesus says, we can remain faithful. But if we are not prepared, we will turn away.

To penetrate the disguises of false teachers we can ask:

- (1) Have their predictions come true, or do they have to revise them to fit what's already happened?
- (2) Does any teaching utilize a small section of the Bible to the neglect of the whole?
- (3) Does the teaching contradict what the Bible says about God?
- (4) Are the practices meant to glorify the teacher or Christ?
- (5) Do the teachings promote hostility toward other Christians?

Believer will come through a great tribulation.

Rev. 7:14

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“The great tribulation” has been explained in several ways.

Some believe it refers to the suffering of believers through the ages; others believe that there is a specific time of intense tribulation yet to come. In either case, these believers come through their times of suffering by remaining loyal to God.

Because they remain faithful, God will give them eternal life with him (Rev. 7:17).

It is difficult to imagine how blood could make any cloth white, but the blood of Jesus Christ is the world's greatest purifier because it removes the stain of sin.

White symbolizes sinless perfection or holiness, which can be given to people only by the death of the sinless Lamb of God on our behalf. This is a picture of how we are saved through faith (see Isaiah 1:18; Romans 3:21-26).

Wars and rumors of wars:

Mark 13:7-8

And wars will break out near and far, but don't panic. Yes, these things must come, but the end won't follow immediately. [8] Nations and kingdoms will proclaim war against each other, and there will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, and famines. But all this will be only the beginning of the horrors to come.

What are the signs of the end times?

There have been people in every generation since Christ's resurrection claiming to know exactly when Jesus would return.

No one has been right yet, however, because Christ will return on God's timetable, not ours.

Jesus predicted that before his return, false teachers claiming to have revelations from God would mislead many believers.

According to Scripture, the one clear sign of Christ's return will be his unmistakable appearance in the clouds, which will be seen by all people (Mark 13:26; Rev. 1:7).

In other words, you do not have to wonder whether a certain person is the Messiah or whether these are the "end times."

When Jesus returns, *you will know* beyond a doubt, because it will be evident to all true believers.

Beware of groups who claim special knowledge of the last days, because no one knows when that time will be (Mark 13:32).

Be cautious about saying, "This is it!" but be bold in your total commitment to have your heart and life ready for Christ's return.

Abomination of desolation

Mark 13:14

"The time will come when you will see the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing where it should not be"—reader, pay attention! "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills.

The "abomination that causes desolation" is the desecration of the temple by God's enemies.

Chapter 7



False Christ and false prophets will arise.

Mark 13:22

For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform miraculous signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.

It is possible for Christians to be deceived? Yes. So convincing will be the arguments and proofs from deceivers in the end times that it will be difficult *not* to fall away from Christ. If we are prepared, Jesus says, we can remain faithful. But if we are not prepared, we will turn away

Signs in heavens

Mark 13:24-25

"At that time, after those horrible days end,

The sun will be darkened,
The moon will not give light,
The stars will fall from the sky,
The powers of heaven will be shaken.

Jesus tells us, however, that even if the earth passes away, the truth of his words will never be changed or abolished.

God and his Word provide the only stability in our unstable world. How shortsighted people are who spend their time learning about this temporary world and accumulating its possessions, while neglecting the Bible and its eternal truths!

Apostasy

2 Thes. 2:3

Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction.

Throughout history there have been individuals who epitomized evil and who were hostile to everything Christ stands for (see 1 John 2:18; John 4:3; 2 John 1:7).

These antichrists have lived in every generation and will continue to work their evil. Then just before Christ's second coming, "The man of lawlessness. The man doomed to destruction," a completely evil man, will arise.

He will be Satan's tool, equipped with Satan's power (2 Thes. 2:9).

This lawless man will be *the* antichrist.

It is dangerous, however, to label any person as the antichrist and to try to predict Christ's coming based on that assumption.

Paul mentions the antichrist, not so we might identify him specifically, but so we might be ready for anything that threatens our faith.

If our faith is strong, we don't need to be afraid of what lies ahead, because we know that this lawless man has already been defeated by God, no matter how powerful he becomes or how terrible our situation seems.

God is in control, and he will be victorious over the antichrist. Our task is to be prepared for Christ's return and to spread the gospel so that even more people will also be prepared.

When Paul first wrote to the Thessalonians, they were in danger of losing hope in the second coming.

They then shifted to the opposite extreme—some of them thought that Jesus would be coming at any minute.

Paul tried to restore the balance by describing certain events that would happen before Christ's return.

Very difficult times will come.

2 Tim. 3:1-9

You should also know this, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.

For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good.

They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by many desires.

Such women are forever following new teachings, but they never understand the truth. And these teachers fight the truth just as Jannes and Jambres fought against Moses.

Their minds are depraved, and their faith is counterfeit.

But they won't get away with this for long. Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are, just as happened with Jannes and Jambres.

Beneath the surface of the routine of daily life, a fierce struggle among invisible spiritual powers is being waged. Our main defense is prayer that God will protect us from the evil one and that he will strengthen us.

The following guidelines can help you prepare for and survive satanic attacks:

- (1) take the threat of spiritual attack seriously;
- (2) pray for strength and help from God;

- (3) Study the Bible to recognize Satan's style and tactics;
- (4) Memorize Scripture so it will be a source of help no matter where you are;
- (5) Associate with those who speak the truth; and
- (6) Practice what you are taught by spiritual leaders.

Powers, signs and false wonders

2 Thes. 2:9

This evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.

This lawless one will use “counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders” to deceive and draw a following.

Miracles from God can help strengthen our faith and lead people to Christ, but all miracles are not necessarily from God.

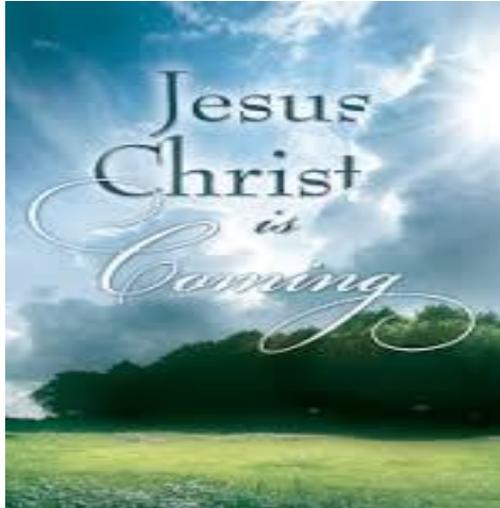
Christ's miracles were significant, not just because of their power, but because of their purpose—to help, to heal, and to point us to God.

The man of lawlessness will have power to do amazing things, but his power will be from Satan. He will use this power to destroy and to lead people away from God and toward himself.

If any so-called religious personality draws attention only to himself or herself, his or her work is not from God.

In all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.

The return of the Lord is a real event. We are given time now to prepare. Be ready, for such a time as you think not, the Lord will return.



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