

Until He Comes
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[1Co 11:26 NASB95] 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- Jesus is coming! The rapture and the Second Coming are similar but separate events. Both involve Jesus returning. Both are last days events.

What should every Christian know about His coming?

Here are three things every Christian needs to know about His coming.

I. THE MANNER OF HIS COMING - JOHN 14:1-3 & I Corinthians 15:51-57

A. PRE-EMINENT [Jhn 14:1 NASB95] 1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

- Jesus prefaces His comments on His second coming by affirming His deity. Jesus is coming to complete our redemption--He is coming victoriously as God. If you deny the Second Coming of Jesus--you deny faith in Christ.
- In **Matthew 26:64** as in this passage, Christ reveals that He is God by affirming His Second Coming. [Mat 26:64 NASB95] 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it [yourself;] nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

B. PERSONAL [Jhn 14:2-3 NASB95] 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, [there] you may be also.

C. PROPHETIC [1Co 15:51 NASB95] 51 "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,"

- The details of the Rapture were not revealed until this time. The word "MYSTERY" refers to something in the plan of God that up to this time was not divulged.

D. SWIFT [1Co 15:52 NASB95] 52 "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

- Literally, 'in an atom of time.' It is a point of time that cannot be cut or divided. It is THAT SUDDEN and UNEXPECTED!! Jesus likened His coming to that like a "thief in the night.

E. PROFITABLE [1Co 15:53 NASB95] 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

- Our redemption will be complete!
- Romans 8:22-23, "For we know that the whole creation, groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

F. PREVAILING [1Co 15:54-57 NASB95] 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "**DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.** 55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power

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of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. THE MISSION OF HIS COMING. – I Thess. 4:16-17, Rev. 22:12

A. TO RESURRECT HIS SAINTS [1Th 4:16 NASB95] 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of [the] archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (II Cor. 5:6).

B. TO RECIEVE HIS SAINTS [1Th 4:17 NASB95] 17 “Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”

- The word "caught up" (aka: rapture) implies that an external power will raise us into the clouds. We will not slowly ascend to Christ--He will pull us out of this wicked world to be with Him."

C. TO REWARD HIS SAINTS [Rev 22:12 NASB95] 12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward [is] with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

- [1Jo 2:28 NASB95] 28 Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.
- [1Co 3:11-15 NASB95] 11 “For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is [to be] revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”
 - In that day our works will be tried, and we have two options: RECIEVE REWARD or BE SAVED AS BY FIRE (or just escaping the fire)!

III. THE MOTIVATION OF HIS COMING.

A. PERSPECTIVE [Tit 2:13 NASB95] 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,”

- We need to be looking for Jesus!

B. PURITY [1Jo 3:2-3 NASB95] 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope [fixed] on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

C. PURPOSE - Ezekiel 33:6. Tell people He is coming!

D. PERSERVERANCE [1Co 15:58 NASB95] 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not [in] vain in the Lord.

- Jesus came into this world the first time a baby-- He will return the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He came to purchase our redemption--He will come to complete our redemption. When He came the first time He died for all mankind. When He comes again He will come to claim those who have accepted His SACRIFICE!!!