

# The Second Coming of Christ



# When, preacher?



- This has been the most frequent question I have had to answer in my one year old ministry.
- I have always tried to say what the Bible says about the second coming of Christ but sometimes there is no time to go through most verses that touch on this topic.
- I have therefore decided to compile this material and translate it into our local language. This way, I will be able to offer it for free to those who need to teach on this topic. Any addition/subtraction, comment, will be highly appreciated before I make the final copy.

# Fact



- Getting back to God's way is imperative because the Bible tells us that Jesus is coming again.
- There are some things we can know about the second coming of The Lord and some things which we can not predict. The things we can know are the things we should be concerned about.

...the exact date is not known nor can it be known



*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, “Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.”*

# ...the exact date is not important



...the exact date is not what we need to know. Times and dates are not important because he will come like a thief in the night. Thieves do not drop us a note to let us know when they are going to invade our home. The reason the early Christians wouldn't be surprised is because they were ready all the time, living as sons of the light.



...what will the day be  
like, preacher?

## A. It will involve a resurrection



...Jesus made it clear that this will involve a resurrection. He also made it clear that it will involve life or condemnation.

*John 6:39-40, “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day. For this is the will of my father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” Also, John 6:44, 5:28-29.*



*John 6:44, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”*

## John 5:28-29



*John 5:28-29, “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”*

## B. It will be visible



*Acts 1:10-11, “And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

## C. It will be fearful



...those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel should be shaking with fear.

*2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, “God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to those who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when The Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of The Lord and from the majesty of His power on the day He comes to be glorified in His holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.”*

## D. It will be an awesome coming



*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, “Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grief like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to The Lord’s own Word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of The Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For The Lord Himself will come down from Heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”*



...What is really  
important concerning  
His coming?

## A. We Must Be Ready.



*Luke 12:35-40, “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”*

## B. We Must Expect Him



...this is related to the idea of being ready. We do not know when He will come but we must keep expecting it.

*1 Thessalonians 5:4-11, “But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self controlled.” Also, Titus 2:11-13.*

## C. We Must Have Patience



...we must have patience, endurance, perseverance, the ability to stick to it.

*James 5:7-8, “Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”*

## D. We Should Rejoice Even in Suffering



...true joy is the result of hope.

*1 Peter 4:12-13, “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the suffering of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”*

# E. We Should Be Committed to Holy Living



*2 Peter 3:9-12, “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some of you understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives, as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.”*

# Therefore,



- 1) Are you committed to Christ?
- 2) Are you ready?
- 3) Have you obeyed the Gospel?

...if I am ready, the time, the day, the hour, doesn't matter. I can just look forward and say like John said in the book of Revelation, come, Lord Jesus.