



## THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

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### INTRODUCTION

1. **The Rapture—His Return for His Saints**  
John 14:3 “...I will come again and receive you to Myself.”
2. **The Revelation—His Return with His Saints**  
Jude 14 “...Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints.”
3. **The Major Differences:**  
They differ in their Purpose;  
They differ in their Time; and  
They differ in their Place.

### I. THE BLESSED PROMISE FULFILLED

#### **A. The Promise of Christ**

1. Christ, the Promise Maker  
Mt. 16:18 - Promise of Establishing the Church  
Acts 1:8 - Promise of Empowering the Church  
Jno. 14:3 - Promise of Emancipating the Church
2. Christ, the Promise Keeper  
I Thess. 4:16, 17 - Paul described the Fulfillment of Jno. 14

#### **B. The Promise of Scripture**

1. Acts 1:11 “*This same Jesus...will so come in like manner as you saw Him go.*”
2. Jas. 5:8 “*...for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*”
3. Heb. 9:28 “*...to those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time.*”

### II. THE BLESSED ESCAPE FROM WRATH

#### **A. Israel’s Appointment: To Jacob’s Trouble** (Jeremiah 30:7)

#### **B. World’s Appointment: To the Wrath of the Lamb** (Rev. 6:16)

- II Peter 3:6 - World that then was perished with water  
II Peter 3:7 - World that now is, is reserved for fire  
II Peter 3:13 - World that is to come... righteousness dwells

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### C. Church's Appointment: To Salvation through the Lamb

Luke 21:36 *"Watch, pray to be counted worthy to escape."*

I Thess. 1:10 *"...Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come."*

I Thess. 5:9 *"God did not appoint us to wrath, but to salvation...."*

Rev. 3:10 *"Because you have kept My command...I will keep you from the hour of trial...."*

### III. THE BLESSED HOPE OF GLORY

#### A. The Hope of the Church is His Appearing

Titus 2:13 *"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of...Jesus Christ."*

#### B. The Hope of the Believer

1. Hope of deliverance from this present evil world (Gal. 1:4).
2. Hope of deliverance from judgment to come (I Thess. 1:10).
3. Hope of deliverance from corruption (Rom. 8:21, 23).
4. Hope of being like Him (I Jno. 3:2).

### CONCLUSION

**Are you ready for the Return of Jesus Christ?** To help you answer this question of eternal importance, please ponder the following questions: If Jesus were to come at the conclusion of this service—

1. Would you have to change your lifestyle?
2. Would you have to change your thought life?
3. Would you have to change the way you spend your time, money and abilities?
4. Are your past sins under the blood of Christ?
5. Are you walking in Christ's light for present cleansing?
6. Will your possessions be an asset or a liability to you?
7. Have you failed to make things right with people?
8. Are there commandments of His that you have put off obeying, such as tithing, praying, studying the Bible, being filled with the Spirit and witnessing?

PERHAPS HE HAS DELAYED HIS COMING JUST TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE YOUR LIFE FOR HIS RETURN. THERE IS ROOM AT THE CROSS TODAY!