

CHRIST IS COMING!
Acts 1:9-11

Introduction:

1. **After completing His mission on earth, Jesus ascended to Heaven:**

“Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, he was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven.’”

2. **The second coming of Christ is a precious promise of God’s Word.**
 - a. **It is found in every book of the New Testament and in nearly every chapter.**
 - b. **It has sustained Christians through trial, tribulation, peril and persecution.**
 - c. **It is the fulfillment of our hope and the reward for our labors.**
 - d. **We will enter into the full enjoyment of our reward at His coming.**

3. **What are the simple facts of Christ’s coming according to the Scriptures?**

Discussion:

- I. **CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN!**
 - A. **Jesus promised it to His sorrowing apostles (John 14:1-3).**
 - B. **The angels promised it at Jesus’ ascension (Acts 1:9-11).**
 - C. **Paul promised it to the troubled Thessalonians (1 Th. 4:13-18).**
 - D. **Peter promised it to remind the redeemed (2 Pet. 3:1-13).**
 - E. **No one knows the time of His return:**

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of Heaven, but My Father only” (Matt. 24:36).

- II. **CHRIST IS COMING TO RAISE THE DEAD!**
 - A. **Our hope of resurrection is based on Christ’s resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-19).**

1. The Jews tried to prevent it from happening (Matt. 27:62-68).
2. They would have stopped Christianity in its tracks if they could have produced the body of Jesus.
3. Many witnesses attested to the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:5-8).
4. His resurrection was the ultimate proof that Jesus was the Son of God (Rom. 1:4; Acts 2:32).

B. Christians will be raised.

1. We will be changed (1 Cor. 15:35-44).
2. We will be conformed to Christ's resurrected body:

“For our citizenship is in Heaven from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself” (Phil. 3:20, 21).

“Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).

3. All will be raised at the same time (Acts 24:15).

III. CHRIST IS COMING TO DESTROY THE EARTH!

A. The world was once destroyed by water, but it will be destroyed by fire when Christ comes again (2 Pet. 3:3-12).

1. It will melt with fervent heat.
2. It will be burned up.
3. It will be dissolved.

B. Christians look “for a new heavens and a new earth” (2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1-4).

IV. CHRIST IS COMING TO JUDGE THE WORLD!

A. God has appointed a Day of Judgment (Acts 17:30,31).

1. Jesus Himself will be the Judge (John 5:22).
2. The Word of God will be the standard (John 12:48).
3. All who have ever lived will be judged (2 Cor. 5:10).
4. We will be judged as individuals (Rom. 14:12).

5. We will be judged by our deeds (Mt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:12).
6. All unforgiven sins will face us (Eccl. 12:14; Rom. 2:16).

B. God calls us to repent in light of the coming Judgment:

“Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:30,31).

V. CHRIST IS COMING TO REWARD THE RIGHTEOUS AND DESTROY THE DISOBEDIENT!

A. There will be a great separation at the Judgment:

“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matt. 25:46).

B. Heaven will be the eternal home of the faithful.

1. It is a prepared place for those who have prepared to go there (John 14:1-3).
2. It is where our treasure awaits (Matt. 6:19-21).
3. It is where our citizenship is (Phil. 3:20).
4. It is reserved for us (1 Pet. 1:3-5).
5. It is a place of rest (Rev. 14:13).
6. There will be no suffering, sickness, or sadness there (Rev. 21:3,4).

C. Hell will be the eternal destiny of the disobedient.

1. It was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41).
2. It is a place of constant suffering (Mark 9:43-48).
3. It will be everlasting separation from God (2 Thess. 1:9).

Conclusion:

1. Only eight were saved from the Great Flood (1 Pet. 3:20,21).
2. The majority will be lost when Christ comes again (Matt. 7:13,14).
3. The delay in Christ’s coming is to give more people time to repent (2 Pet. 3:9).
4. Why delay? Obey God today (Acts 22:16)!

