

The Second Coming of Christ Part 1: Be Ready, Jesus Is Coming To Take Us

“He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’” (Luke 10: 18-20)

Life tries to steal our joy, but we have the reason for that joy, not for any achievement but being saved and our names are written in heaven. We may have good achievements and we may have failure but both should not be the meter to measure our joy, but our names written in heaven. We are God's children, Jesus came for us, *“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God -- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.”* (John 1:10-12) Jesus came for us, He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to us, we who believe in Him and follow His steps in our lives. Not only to us but to everyone who recognized God's grace in Jesus and make His commitment to follow Jesus commands and walk as Jesus did.

“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve 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.” (1Thessalonians 4:13-18) These verses speak about our hope in Christ; informed us about Jesus second coming. He will come to take us to heaven; yes, these verses assure us about the resurrection of the dead.

Apostle Paul wrote to us the following as well to encourage us and enlightened our minds with the truth: *“I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”* (1 Corinthians 15:50-52) In the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, first will come with Him those who are dead in Christ, the bible call them fallen asleep; their bodies will raise up from the dead and

changed to glorified bodies, *and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ... 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... (1Thessalonians 4:14-17)* Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- Yes, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”(1 Corinthians 15:51-52) This is what is called theologically as the rapture. And this is the sequence: First those who are dead then we who are still alive. So clearly the Word of God made it to us.

The Lord showed apostle John who wrote the book of Revelation a view of what will happen in heaven in the last days: *“After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.”* (Revelation 4:1-4) Those could represent the Old Testament and the New Testament saints. Twenty-four is not their total number but a symbolic one for the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. There will be a continuous rejoicing and worshipping to God in heaven: *“Day and night they never stop saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.’ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.’”* (Revelation 4:8-11) We will be happy and rejoicing among the saints and with the Lord forever.

My Dear and Beloved: We who are in the Lord will experience the above. The scene is very great and deserves to live our lives for Him. He will wipe our tears and He will reward us for every act of righteousness and even the cup of water that we have offered in His name. Therefore, Let us encourage one another with this Word of Him who loves us and who called us to live our lives for Him. Let us encourage one another of what the Lord Jesus Christ promised, the faithful One, who will come and take us with Him to heaven as we commit our lives to live in holiness for Him and agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your encouraging Word to me. Lord I am waiting for you, keep me Lord and watch over me, I really decided and determined to live my life for you, and waiting for you to come and take me with my brethren to heaven. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*