

“Be Ready! Jesus is Coming”
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Dear Beloved,

Before Jesus Christ returned to heaven, He promised that one day He will come back in His glory, with His servant angels, and will take His elected people with Him into His glorious place.

Advent means that we, His saved people, are waiting for Jesus. He said to His disciples, that nobody knows the time of His return, not even the angels in heaven, only He and the Father alone.

This is not news which can leave you untouched. Jesus said that He will surprise us with His coming. When Jesus said no one knows the day or the hour except the Father, He was absolutely correct. And we still don't know, at this point, when that day will be.

Jesus gave us 10 signs which can tell us how close He is to His return. In 2 weeks, we will hear about this.

The saying that He will come “like a thief in the night” means that He will come when nobody will expect Him. Those who were waiting for Him are ready, prepared to inherit His dominion when they shall be taken up to be with Him.

The other expression that “He will come to receive His bride unto Himself” means that He loves us with an undivided love and He wants us to be with Him forever. Those moments, when He will arrive and will take His children home, are described with a term “Calling Away”, when Jesus' children will be distinguished from those who did not accept Him as a Saviour.

The Day of Christ's return should not come as a surprise to you.

There are requirements, expectations, about how we have to be prepared for that day. I have to tell you that we cannot prepare ourselves in the very last minute when He will be already here.

Turn to the person next to you and tell him/her how you would **feel** if you would know that, in the next 2 minutes, Jesus Christ would come back.

God's expectation

For you and me, to be “called away” or taken away with Christ has a requirement. You and I have to be **ready** for that day. Jesus is telling us clearly what is needed from us to be considered “ready” or “well prepared” to be taken home and to inherit Heaven.

By meditating on the following questions, you will know whether you are ready or not.

These are the main requirements:

Belong to Jesus

Jesus is coming and He will only take what truly belongs to Him.

I am asking you a few questions and you have to answer truthfully, and in this way you can find out if the Lord Jesus would come back in 2 minutes, would you be part of those who will be taken home.

- Do you know that Jesus bought you and redeemed you on the cross with His blood?
- Have you ever been at the point where you have given your life and everything you have to Jesus who has bought you with His blood?
- Can you openly confirm that you are saved in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Are you living every day according to His will?

Be Prepared to Meet Him

In order to be prepared you need to be washed and to be dressed in your wedding garment.

- Have you been cleansed by the blood of Jesus?
- Do you believe in His righteousness and not in your own?

Be Eager to Go with Jesus

Jesus is coming for those who are expectantly, eagerly waiting to welcome Him.

- Do you long for and desire the coming of Jesus?

Remember the desire created in you by the Holy Spirit to be with the Lord Jesus is the proof that He wants you to be with Him and that He will not pass you by.

You have to make a decision NOW !!!

- Where do you stand?

God gave us a free gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Those who accepted Him are saved.

- Are you already under God's grace because you have accepted Jesus as your personal Saviour?

- Did you allow Jesus Christ in every area of your life? Remember ,He can see everything and you cannot hide anything from Him.
- Can you truly say that you are ready for Jesus' return?

You have a decision to make.

- If you haven't accepted Jesus as your Savior, then take seriously what we read in Mark 1:25. "The time has come...the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Believe in Jesus, God's Son, and have everlasting life."

If you feel some discomfort because you are not ready, then now is the best time to invite Him in.

It is my honour to share with you that if you have accepted Jesus as your personal Saviour, and you invite in into your heart and mind, you can look forward with confidence and joy to that glorious moment when Jesus will return.

Make sure, in these last days, that Jesus is also Lord of every area of your life so that, when He comes, He will find you ready.

"Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man." - Luke 21:36