

The Second Coming of Christ

*Other Biblical names for the Second Coming: “the last time,” “the appearing of Jesus Christ,” “the glorious appearing of the great God,” “the day of God,” “the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Jesus came once in the flesh. How many more times will He come?

-only once more and He’s bringing final rewards with Him (Matthew 16:27, Revelation 22:12)

*the good and the evil will receive their rewards at His coming

4 Basic Events of the Last Day (Christian Eschatology)

-Christ’s second coming (advent)

-the resurrection of the dead (I Thessalonians 4:16)

-the general judgment (II Timothy 4:1, Matthew 16:27)

-the end of the world (II Peter 3:10-12)

*all of these will take place at the 2nd coming on the same “day”

Christ’s Second Coming

How is He coming? physically, the same way He left (Acts 1:9-11)

When is He coming? no one knows the day (Matthew 24:36-39, Luke 12:40)

The Resurrection of the Dead

How many resurrections will there be? one (Acts 24:15, John 5:28-29)

Who will be resurrected? the just and the unjust (same scriptures)

The General Judgment

What will be judged? the deeds of men (II Corinthians 5:10, Matthew 16:27)

What will be the standard of judgment? the Word of God/ the teachings of Jesus (John 12:48-49)

The End of the World

How will it be destroyed? with fire (II Peter 3:10)

Conclusion:

Second Opportunity for Salvation:

- no need for a second chance of salvation because it is available right now (II Corinthians 6:1-2)
- we will be judged as we are when Jesus returns or after our death (Hebrews 9:27- at death; Matthew 16:27- at His return)
- there will be no place for a future chance because the earth will be destroyed when Jesus comes
- God's kingdom is "at hand" right now and has been since the time of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-2, Matthew 11:12)
- now is the time that we have to get ready to meet Jesus
- salvation will only be available until the end of time when Jesus comes (the Bible doesn't teach another opportunity after His coming)

Controversial Scriptures:

- Luke 17:34-36/Matthew 24:40-42: not literal; on the last day, 2 people can be in the same situation, but one will be accepted of God and the other won't
- I Thessalonians 4:16-17: dead saints will arise, then go with the living saints to meet Jesus; speaks only from the perspective of the righteous
- Revelation 20:1-7: Revelation is a symbolic book; this speaks of a historic event that has already happened; "dragon"= an evil power (not literal devil, but the dragon was prompted by him); also, these events are listed before the coming of Christ and the Judgment later on in the chapter

*Passages detailing the end of time: II Thessalonians 1:7-10, Matthew 25:31-46, I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 5:1-4