

Part 3. The Gospel

Lesson 4: The Second Coming

Lesson Summary

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the climactic fulfillment of God's redemptive plan and the believer's blessed hope (Titus 2:13). Just as His first coming was literal and visible, so His return will be glorious and undeniable (Matt. 24:30). Christ will return as the conquering King and Judge, descending to the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11) and reigning in righteousness (Rev. 19:11–16). Judgment Day will follow, when every soul stands before Christ to give account (Rev. 20:11–15; John 5:22–30). For unbelievers, it will mean eternal separation; for believers, vindication and eternal joy, since judgment for sin was borne by Christ (Rom. 8:1). The doctrine of His return calls the Church to readiness, holy living, and bold proclamation of the gospel (2 Pet. 3:9; Heb. 9:27–28). Ultimately, the Second Coming assures us that our faith is not in vain, our labor is not wasted, and our future is secure in Him.

Key Takeaways

- **Promised and certain:** Christ's return is guaranteed by God's Word (Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7).
- **First and second comings contrasted:** First as suffering Servant (Isa. 53), second as conquering King (Rev. 19:11–16).
- **Mount of Olives:** Place of His ascension and promised return (Acts 1:9–12; Zech. 14:4).
- **Judgment Day:** The great white throne where all give account (Rev. 20:11–15; Rom. 2:5–6).
- **Hope for believers:** No condemnation for those in Christ—judgment already satisfied at the cross (Rom. 8:1; Heb. 9:27–28).
- **Call to readiness:** Live holy lives, proclaim Christ, and long for His appearing (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Thess. 5:2–6).

Questions & Answers

1. **Q:** How will the Second Coming differ from Christ's first coming?
A: He first came as the Lamb to save (Isa. 53); He will return as the Lion to reign and judge (Rev. 19:11–16).
2. **Q:** Where will Christ return according to Scripture?
A: To the Mount of Olives, the same place of His ascension (Acts 1:11–12; Zech. 14:4).
3. **Q:** What is the great white throne judgment?
A: The final judgment where unbelievers are condemned, and believers are vindicated (Rev. 20:11–15).
4. **Q:** Why is the Second Coming called the believer's "blessed hope"?
A: Because it assures us of eternal life, vindication, and the completion of God's promises (Titus 2:13).
5. **Q:** How should believers prepare for Christ's return?
A: By living holy lives, proclaiming the gospel, and eagerly watching for His coming (2 Pet. 3:9; Heb. 9:27–28).

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6. **Q:** What comfort does Rom. 8:1 give in light of Judgment Day?

A: Believers face no condemnation, for Christ bore their judgment at the cross.

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