





WHEN WILL THE LORD
RETURN?

EAGERLY AWAIT

- Hebrews 9:27 – 28
- “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes judgment*, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will **appear a second** time for salvation without *reference to sin*, to those who **eagerly await Him.**”
- **Ph’p. 3:20 – 21** “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we **eagerly wait** for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the **body of His glory**, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

- **Matthew 24:34 – 36**
- "Truly I say to you, **this generation** will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."
- 42 "Therefore be on the alert, for **you do not know** which day your Lord is coming."
- 44 "For this reason you also **must be ready**; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will.*"

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- **Everyone Will Know It.**
- 1 Thess. 4:16 “For the **Lord Himself** will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the **dead in Christ will rise first.** 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up together with them** in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”
- 2 Thess. 1:7 “and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who **do not know God** and to those **who do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus.”

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- **All the Dead will be Raised**
- John 5:28 - 29
- "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which **all who are in the tombs** will hear His voice, 29 and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment".

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- The Dead in Christ will rise first (1 Thess. 4:17 – 18)
- All of us will be judged (Matthew 25:31 – 46)
- Heavens and Earth will be Destroyed (2 Peter 3:1 – 7)

EAGERLY WAITING

- Hopeful People (1 Thess. 4:13; 1 Peter 3:15)
- Prepared People (1 Thess. 5:4 – 11)
- Expectant People (2 Peter 3:11)
- “Since this is going to happen...”

OBSTACLES TO EAGERLY WAITING

- The Culture - Earth Bound Focus
 - Luke 8:14 “The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.”
 - Amusing ourselves to Death.

OBSTACLES TO EAGERLY WAITING

- 2 Peter 3:1 – 13 “3 First of all, here is what you must understand. In the last days people will make fun of the truth. They will laugh at it. They will follow their own evil longings. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'return' he promised? Everything goes on in the same way it has since our people of long ago died. In fact, it has continued that way since God first created everything.” 5 Long ago, God's word brought the heavens into being. His word separated the earth from the waters. And the waters surrounded it. But those people forget things like that on purpose. 6 The waters also flooded the world of that time. It was destroyed. 7 By God's word the heavens and earth of today are being reserved for fire. They are being kept for the day when God will judge. Then ungodly people will be destroyed.” (NIRV)



THERE IS A GREAT DAY COMING

- Are you ready for that day to come?