

before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds..." ^{NIV} **Romans 14:23** "...everything that does not come from faith is sin." ^{NIV} **Heb. 11:6** "...without faith it is impossible to please God..." Faith in Jesus is the key; *from faith comes works that are pleasing to God!*

1. No faith, no works, no life: ^{NAS} **Rev. 20:15** "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."
2. Faith, works, life: ^{NAS} **Romans 8:1** "There is...no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." ^{NAS} **John 6:47** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life."

All Will Go to their Eternal Places: ^{NAS} **Mt. 25:46** "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." So, with eternal bodies, each group will go to its place – *one so terrible, the other so wonderful!*

Now, since Jesus has not yet returned – *but knowing it could be soon* – let us ✨rejoice in our forgiveness *through Jesus* and ✨faithfully share the Bible with all who are willing to listen! And all God's people said: *Amen!*

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"The Return of Jesus"

Last Week: Part 1 – What Will Happen

BEFORE He Returns?

TODAY: Part 2 – What Will Happen

WHEN He Returns?

Based on Various Passages

Last Sunday in the Church Year – 2010

November 21 → 9:30

NEXT SUNDAY at 8:15 & 10:45

Introduction: Today we continue with our current topic: ***The return of Jesus!*** Last week we looked at these things which will *precede* His coming AND *are* currently taking place:

- What Will the Scoffers Say?
- What are the Birth Pains?
- How Do Christians Look Like Losers?

Today we focus on what will happen *WHEN* Jesus actually returns!

What Will Happen *WHEN* He Returns?

Things Will be Proceeding as Normal: ^{NIV} **Matthew**

24:37 "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in

marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.” Therefore, His return will be unexpected – *like a thief in the night!* (1 Th. 5:2)

Jesus Will Return: ^{NIV} **1 Thessalonians 4:16** “...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...” So when He comes, *everyone will know it!*

Some Rejoicing, Others Terrified:

1. **Rejoicing:** ^{NIV} **Luke 21:28** “When ₁the signs of Jesus’ actual return₁ begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” This sinful world can be tough, *so we rejoice at Jesus’ rescue!*
2. **Terrified:** ^{NIV} **Revelation 6:16** “They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!” *See Hebrews 10:31*

All the Dead Will be Raised: ^{NIV} **Acts 24:15** “...there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.” ^{NAS} **John 5:28** “...an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,²⁹ and shall come forth ...” No one will be missed; *all will be raised!*

All Bodies Will be Changed: ^{NIV} **1 Corinthians 15:51** “...we will all be changed--⁵² 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.”

Now our bodies are perishing; *then they will last forever!*

Spirits Will Return to their Bodies:

1. **Believers:** ^{NIV} **1 Thessalonians 4:14** “...God will bring with Jesus those ₁spirits₁ who have fallen asleep in him.”
2. **Unbelievers:** ^{NIV} **Revelation 20:13** “...Hades gave up the dead [*the spirits of unbelievers*] that were in ₁it₁...”

To each immortal body will return his/her soul and spirit – *from heaven or hell!*

All Will be Gathered and Separated: ^{NIV} **Matthew 25:31** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory...³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people...” *Goats / unbelievers on the left, sheep / believers on the right!*

All Will Appear Before Christ: ^{NIV} **2 Cor. 5:10** “...we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...” Our knowledge of that coming day *should influence our thoughts, words, & actions!*

Every Knee Shall Bow: ^{NIV} **Philippians 2:10** “...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” “...**not even a demon in hell will be able to deny the Lordship of...Jesus Christ.**” (Lenski, 792-793)

The Final Judgment Will Take Place: ^{NAS} **Revelation 20:11** “...I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it...¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing