

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

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I recently heard a Gospel Preacher on a radio program say that many of us preachers need to get out some of our sermon outlines and clip out the parts that say anything about "The second coming of Christ." He stated firmly that there is no mention of anything about a "Second" coming of Christ; that the Bible does not teach such a thing.

I would respectfully request that this gentleman get out his Bible and start reading. Yes, I understand that the Bible mentions several comings of Christ (figuratively) in different forms. Many of these refer to His coming in judgment upon certain rebellious people (ex. Matthew 24:30). But the

Bible does speak plainly of the "Second" coming of Christ. The first being His incarnation through birth via Mary the virgin, the second being His return to receive His saints in the air to go be forever with Him in heaven (2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). This was promised by the Lord and by angels (John 14:3; Acts 1:11).

Oh, the word "Second?" Hebrews 9:28: "*So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*" Are you ready for His second coming? 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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THREE DEATHS

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There's an old superstition that death comes in threes. I'm not a fan of superstitions and believe Christians should avoid them, but the Bible speaks of three very significant deaths worthy of our consideration...

The Death Of The Savior. The beginning of the prophecies concerning the death of our Savior goes all the way back to the garden of Eden when God said to the serpent, "*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel*" (Genesis 3:15). This bruising of Satan's head occurred at Calvary and it indicates a defeating of the devil, a crushing of his head. Without the death of Jesus there could be no resurrection, no ascension, no glorification, no provision made for the sinner to obtain a living hope for eternal life. Christ died for us! We are justified by His blood! (Romans 5:8-9). No wonder the very purpose of the grand memorial of the Lord's supper is to "Proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

The Death Of The Sinner. "*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him*" (Romans 6:8). This isn't physical death, but

rather a death to sin (Romans 6:7, 11-12). We crucified the old man of sin when we were baptized in Christ's death (Romans 6:1-6). We are no longer to live like the old man, but are to lay completely aside our own will, our own desires, and live our life with Christ. Paul said "*I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, But Christ lives in me...*" (Galatians 2:20).

The Death Of The Saint. As Christians, we have not been exempted from death (Hebrews 9:27). The only exception to this appointment with death will be those living when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 15:51). We must plan for death; but we have reason to not view it gloomily, for Christ has removed the sting of death, giving us victory over it (1 Corinthians 15:54-58). We view death as a birth, the pains of death as birth pangs while entering into life eternal. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Our soul will be separated from our body (James 2:26), but not from our Lord. This is why the death of the faithful saint is precious in the eyes of the Lord (Psalm 116:15; Revelation 14:13). 🔍

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WHAT ABOUT THE SOLDIER?

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People often want to create a scenario, or present a hypothetical situation, in order to circumvent the truths of God's word. Some try to do away with the necessity of baptism for salvation with a story about a man in the desert who has just found a Bible and learned about Jesus; but he's about to die and because of a lack of water cannot be baptized. Is he then lost? Others use a story about a man on a submarine. There he is, surrounded by water, but not enough in the sub to be baptized.

A scenario I heard recently is a story about a soldier in battle. He has just come to believe in Jesus, but it is impossible for him to be baptized on the battle field, and he is shot and killed before he gets the opportunity. Is he lost? The conclusion folks come to with these stories is this: Since it is impossible for these folks to be baptized, then we don't have to be baptized in order to be saved.

There are many problems with these scenarios. For example, we could use the same situations to do away with the necessity of faith. What if the man in the desert is five minutes away from finding a Bible and obtaining faith when he dies? He was only five minutes away from faith! Are you telling me he's lost?

The real issue here is not concern for the man in the desert, the one on the submarine, or the soldier; the real reason these folks refer to these scenarios is to excuse themselves from doing what the Lord has told them to do! The question to ask them when they tell you one of these stories is "Are you in that situation?" The answer is "NO." If baptism is possible for you, then you need to just do what the Lord said, and let God worry about that soldier in battle, or the man in the desert, etc. The Lord said "*He who believes and is baptized shall be saved*" (Mark 16:16). 🔍

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths."

-Proverbs 3:5-6

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

The Blood Of Christ

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson
Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Chris Meade
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

*Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!*

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!