

Truths to die for – The personal return of Jesus one day

The end of the world is nigh!

“As Christians we have the expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

What the bible says

1 Thess 1:9-10 ... “waiting for the Son from Heaven”.

Acts 1:11 ... Jesus will return from heaven in the same way that they saw him go into heaven.

1 Cor 15:23 ... first fruits ... those who belong to him will be made alive.

1 Thess 4... confused about the detail of the timing.

2 Peter 3

John 14:1-3, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

Matthew 24

What should we expect when Jesus does return?

1) The impact of Jesus’ return will be of cosmic proportions

... everyone will be affected.

2) When Jesus returns it will be unexpected

... no one will know the day or the hour

3) When Jesus returns there will be a complete transformation

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2 Peter 3

1 Cor 15

Phil 3:20-21

Col 3:1-4

How then should we live as we wait for the return of Jesus?

1) Do not waste our time

2) Do not forget - 2 Peter 3:8

Matthew 23:42 ...keep watch.

3) Have a clear gospel focus - 2 Peter 3:8

- 4) Live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the coming of the Lord and speed its coming” - 2 Peter 3:11
 2 Peter 3:14 - make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.
 2 Peter 3:17 ensure we are not deceived by false teachers, the error of lawless men.

The promises of our future and the reality of the present

The future promises of God ... a perfect resurrection body, for perfect holiness.

Phil 3:20-21

The reality of the present ... Sin still needs to be battled against.