

How to Prepare for His Coming

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Since Christ will return for His people it is important to be prepared. Peter says “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?... Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” 2 Peter 3:10-14.

What did Jesus tell His disciples to do in order to be prepared?

“And take _____ to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. _____ ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:34-36). Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.

What experience is essential to enter the kingdom of God?

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of _____ and of the _____, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again” (John 3:3-7).

Note: Just as it is important to have a new heart by accepting Jesus, Christ also emphasized that a person should be baptized to indicate publicly the work of grace already wrought inwardly by the Holy Spirit.

To be like Jesus, what is necessary?

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him _____ himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:2, 3).

To be prepared for the coming of the Lord, where must a person abide?

“And now, little children, abide in _____; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:28). Read Jude 24.

Whom can we expect before Christ’s return?

“Behold, I will send you _____ the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5, 6).

Note: The Bible speaks of the coming of Elijah during three different periods of time: in the time of the kingdom of Israel, in the days of John the Baptist, and just before the second advent of Christ. In the days of John the Baptist Christ said that the ministry of John was a fulfillment of Malachi’s prediction (Mathew 17:10-13). John was not the reincarnation of Elijah in person but he did proclaim the same message which Elijah proclaimed (John 1:19-21, 23 and Luke 1:13-17). And before Christ returns it is the proclamation of the message of Elijah which prepares men and women for the coming of the Lord. This is a message of reformation calling mankind back to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Conclusion

When Jesus returns to earth those ready will welcome Him by saying, “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:9. The unprepared will be afraid and will cry unto the rocks and mountains saying, “And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Revelation 6:16, 17.

- I believe that Jesus will come anytime soon, therefore, I must be ready with my family now.
- I believe that if I abide in Him, I will have confidence and not be ashamed at His coming.
- I will invite Jesus to abide with me and my family in preparation for that day, the blessed hope of His coming.

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