



WILL JESUS CHRIST COME AGAIN?

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TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE!

The Bible is very clear - Jesus Christ will come to earth a second time! Without His return to establish the true Kingdom of God, the Bible message will be incomplete. In the Old Testament among many verses, we read that the One who came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey “...will speak peace to the heathen and his dominion shall be from seas to sea.” ~*Zechariah 9:10*. Obviously Jesus did not reign like that when here. Of God’s Son, *Isaiah 9:7* says the Son will be established on the throne of David and “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end...” The New Testament is replete with statements that He will come again to earth - personally; in a body. “...unto them that look for him, he shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” ~*Hebrews 9:27*. If He does not come again, the Bible would be in error and that cannot be! God has said, “The Scriptures cannot be broken.” The Bible is a worthless Book if Jesus Christ is not coming back to earth to establish the Kingdom of God.

TESTIMONY OF PROPHECY!

The Old Testament declares that God’s Son would be virgin born, *Isaiah 7:14*; born in Bethlehem, *Micah 5:2*; be rejected, *Isaiah 53*; die on a tree (cross) etc. The New Testament testifies to many prophecies fulfilled at His first coming and predicts a second advent scores if not hundreds of times: He shall come again in the same manner as He went to Heaven, *Acts 1:11*; He will come and every eye shall see Him, *Revelation 1:7*; He shall rule the earth with a rod of iron, *Revelation 2:17*; etc. If hundreds of prophecies have already been fulfilled literally, it makes no sense to say those related to Christ’s return are to be understood *spiritually*. As surely as He was born of a virgin, crucified and risen again, *he will visibly return to the earth!*

TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST!

His preaching was full of prophecies of His literal return! *John 14:3*: “If I go away I will come again.” *Matthew 24:44*: “Be ye ready; for in such an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.” He said He would come unannounced, “as a thief in the night!” You may not believe it, but if you reject His testimony and the testimony of the whole Word of God, the only thing left for you is judgment! When He comes, he will do two primary things: He will judge all who have not believed that He is the only Savior of men. God says that you are a sinner: “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Sin must be paid for! We have nothing to pay God so, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die, to shed His blood, for our sins. “The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son cleanseth us from all sin.” God says, “It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment.” To avoid judgment and the punishment you deserve, you must trust Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection in your place. Then, He will establish the Kingdom of God on earth. He declared: “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” When you receive Christ, you are born again. Trust Him today and be ready for His return! *Yes, He is coming again! Are you ready?* (Gospel Tract by Pastor Starr)

FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE

JULY 9 – 14, 2017

Sunday: 9:30, 10:45 & 6:00

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THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE THIS PLACE!

A preacher told of an old country store that had this sign over the door: *“There is no place anywhere near this place like this place so this must be the place.”* He suggested it ought to be placed on the Church. The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence. If we stop to think about it, we would probably not want to trade places with anyone else. One man became dissatisfied with his house and put it up for sale. Then, he began to look for another house. He saw one advertised which was the house of his dreams. How shocked he was to find it was his old house. Let’s all take the attitude, *“There’s no place like this place...It’s not perfect, still, there’s no place like this place”*

PROCRASTINATION IS DANGEROUS - IF NOT DEADLY!

A true story is told that happened quite a few years ago. A young mechanic said to the Pastor after an evangelistic meeting, “I would like to be saved but I have decided to wait until after the fair.” He said that he and three friends had made plans to spend a week in Glasgow, and if he was converted right then, it might spoil his plans. He said that he would return later and trust Christ as his Savior. On Friday of the following week he was accidentally drowned and his body was laid in the grave. But where was his soul? God’s Word says, **“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”** ~Proverbs 27:1. No matter what your age – young or old – the best time to trust Christ to be your Savior is right now. Do not delay! There will never be a better time. I have often said, “there is nothing worth going to hell over!”

SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Some Christians are all head and no heart; then, there are some who are all heart and no head.

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong.

There are many things we can do after we pray, but there is nothing we can do before we pray.

It is well to remember: God is going to have the last word!

Difficult experiences of life can make you bitter or they can make you better.

Those who are eager to give you a piece of their mind are usually the ones who can least afford it.

A DIFFICULT LESSON. A famous Harvard professor was asked by a student, “Is there anything I can do to learn the art of conversation?” Prof. Copeland replied, “Yes, there is one thing and if you listen, I will tell you.” For several moments there was silence. Then, the student said, “I’m listening, Professor.” “You see,” said Copeland, “You are learning already.” God’s Word says, **“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”** ~James 1:19. Personally, I think that we all like to speak a whole lot more than we like to listen. It just seems to be a part of human nature. Remember, when you are talking, you are not learning.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

KREEFT SAYS A “NEW REFORMATION” IS IN PROGRESS (Friday Church News Notes, - Peter Kreeft, a prominent Roman Catholic apologist and ecumenist, says a “new reformation” is underway which is uniting Catholics and non-Catholics. In an interview with *The Christian Post*, he said that “more ecumenical progress has been made in the last 50 years than in the last 500” (“God Is Moving to Unite Catholics and Protestants,” *Christian Post*, May 31, 2017). Kreeft’s “new reformation” is the Protestant Reformation in reverse. In his new book *Catholics and Protestants: What Can We Learn from Each Other?*, he says that the collapse of morality in society should bring Catholics and Protestants closer to one another. Kreeft converted from Dutch Reformed to Catholicism through the influence of the writings of the “church fathers” while a student at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was particularly drawn to “St. Augustine,” in whose writings he found things such as “the Eucharist, the Real Presence, prayers to saints, devotion to Mary, an insistence on visible unity” (“Hauled Aboard the Ark,” www.peterkreeft.com). Dr. Kreeft didn’t find the truth in the “church fathers,” he found doctrines of devils, and for some reason his spirit resonated with these errors. The “church fathers” didn’t add one iota of truth to the canon of Scripture, and they have zero authority. The unity that the Kreefts of this age are calling for is not a biblical unity; it is end-time apostasy that is building a one-world “church.” It is led by the one who “is transformed into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

PENTECOSTALS TRACE THEIR HERITAGE TO POPE LEO XIII’S PRAYER (Friday Church News Notes, June 9, 2017, 2017, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Many Pentecostals and charismatics trace their heritage to the prayer of Pope Leo XIII in 1897 for a “new Pentecost.” The pope’s prayer was allegedly answered by the birth of Pentecostalism in Topeka, Kansas in 1900 and Azusa Street in 1906 and by the birth of the charismatic movement in the 1960s, which quickly spread through the Roman Catholic Church (“This 120-Year-Old Pentecost Prayer Still Rings Out Today,” *Charisma Magazine*, May 30, 2017). To trace one’s heritage to the prayer of a pope is evidence of great spiritual blindness. The Roman Catholic Council of Trent put a curse on anyone who says that salvation is by God’s mercy alone without works, but 1,500 years before that, God’s Word put a curse on any one who says that salvation is NOT by God’s grace alone, and we know whose curse will stand. “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the

grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” ~*Galatians 1:6-8*.

BLACK-MARKET BABY TRADE IN INDIA (Friday Church News Notes, June 30, 2017, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Black-market Baby,” UPI, Jun. 20, 2017: Kanon Sarkar, 27, gave birth to her second daughter in July 2014 at a nursing home in rural West Bengal, a state in eastern India. But six hours after delivery at the home, which functions as a small health clinic, the doctor told Sarkar her baby had an unexplained heart problem and had to be taken to Kolkata, the bustling capital, for urgent treatment. The mother and child went to Kolkata as instructed, but the next day, without proper explanation, the baby was declared dead. The staff at the hospital gave Sarkar a corpse, wrapped in white with only the eyes visible, so the family could submerge the body in a river that runs through their village, in accordance with Hindu tradition. ... Despite a lack of evidence that medical tests had been carried out, the family ‘had to accept what the doctor said was the truth,’ Sarkar’s husband, Ashish, said. But when a major baby-trafficking racket was uncovered last November in North-24 Paraganas--where the family lives--Ashish Sarkar recognized the name of one of the doctors who had been arrested when he read about it in a local newspaper. It was the same man who had delivered his baby daughter. He suspected his baby had not, in fact, died of a heart condition; he guessed she’d been trafficked for adoption and they’d put the wrong body in the river. ... West Bengal, with its porous border with Bangladesh and Nepal, records the highest number of women and children trafficked compared to other states across the country. Last year, government data indicate, 19,223 women and children were trafficked, compared with 15,448 in 2015. But the real number is unknown. Ed. It is absolutely amazing the evil that goes on in this present evil world.” Men are “inventors of evil deeds.” But thank God there is hope...Jesus is coming! If you are not saved, you are in for terrible times for the Bible says things are going to get worse – Jesus said there was never a day like what is ahead for sinful mankind. He also said that there will be no greater such judgment And Yes, you are a sinner and you need a Saviour. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” Believe He came into this world to die for your sins. But you have to receive Him!

IMPORTANT BIBLE QUESTIONS

The Bible has some questions that are of importance to all. Here are three of them: **Question #1** - **“What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”** ~*Mark 8: 36,37*. One of these days you will leave this world and all you have accumulated; where will your soul go? **Question #2** - **“What must I do to be saved?”** ~*Acts 16:30*. The answer is given in the next verse: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved!”** Scripture makes it clear that believing in Christ is to believe that He died on the cross for your sins and rose again. There is no other way! Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** ~*John 14:6*. It is common today to believe that there are many ways to get to Heaven, but those who believe that are deceived. The Bible says, **“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** It is not what man thinks but what God says that counts. **Question #3** - **“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?”** ~*Hebrews 2:3*. You do not have to reject Christ to be lost! The truth is, you are already lost! You need to be saved if you are going to get to Heaven. Salvation is a gift - *Ephesians 2:8,9*. If someone offers you a gift and you neglect to take it, whose fault is the loss? The ultimate question is, “Are you saved?” We urge you to settle life’s most important question now, by receiving Christ as your Savior. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”** ~*Acts 16:31*.

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NON - ESSENTIALS

This is from H. A. Ironside’s commentary on Daniel: “I have heard Christians refer to certain precepts in the Scriptures as non-essentials. But we may rest assured there are no non-essentials in our Bibles. ‘The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.’ When people talk of non-essentials in regard to anything concerning which God has revealed His mind, it is well to ask, ‘Essential or non-essential to what?’ If it be a question of the soul’s salvation, undoubtedly the one great essential is faith in His blessed Son, whose finished work alone avails to put away sin and procure peace with God. But if it be a question of what is essential to the enjoyment of communion with God--essential to obtaining the Lord’s approval at the judgment-seat of Christ--then it is well to remember that in everything the believer is sanctified to the obedience of Christ.” There is talk among many Fundamentalists about not being concerned about non-essentials in the Bible. It is being said in some Fundamental circles how Christians dress is a non-essential. What kind of music is used in church is inconsequential. It matters not who one fellowships with. Then, what Bible version one uses is a non-essential. Imagine, it is all right for God’s people to use a corrupt bible if it is the one they prefer? Doesn’t the Bible say, **“ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God...”** Did God inspire some non-essentials?