



Is Jesus really coming?

Yes, He has already come once to be born among men, and to die for our sins. He will come twice more.

The first time will be a time of great rejoicing for God's people. Luke 12:37,38, and 40 says, ³⁷Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. ³⁸And if

he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. ⁴⁰Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

The second time Jesus comes will be a time of great fear for people who have rejected Him, for people who have not received Him as their Saviour. Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

Mark 14:61,62 tells us, "...Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, 'I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.'"

The high priests grew very angry when Jesus said this and accused Jesus, the God of Heaven, of blasphemy. But that did not change God's word. Jesus has promised to come again, and He will keep His promise.

Jesus is coming again!

Only those who know God, only those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour will go with Jesus when He comes to gather His people and take them to Heaven. When Jesus gathers all His people and removes them from the earth, they will go to Heaven to be with Him for all eternity. The unsaved will be left behind. This is called the rapture.

Jesus is coming! Are you ready?

If the rapture occurs today, will you go with Jesus, or will you be left behind?

Perhaps you do not know if you are ready. The Bible tells you how to get ready.

The Bible is the word of God. It tells us God's law. We have broken God's law. That is **SIN**. Lying, cheating, stealing - All these are sin. Not obeying God is sin. And the Bible says that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) No one is good. I am not

good. You are not good. “But we are all as an unclean thing , and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isaiah 64:6)

You cannot get to Heaven if you have sin in your life because God cannot allow sin to stay in His sight. God must punish sin because God is holy. Habakkuk 1:13 says of God, “Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.”

God hates sin. It stinks to Him. He must punish it and cast it out of His sight. He cannot stand the sight of it because His eyes are pure. “...God is angry with the wicked every day.” (Psalm 7:11)

And God **will** punish sin. “The wicked shall be turned into hell...” (Psalm 9:17) We are all wicked. We have already seen that no one is good. All of us deserve to die. You and I have sinned, and you and I deserve to die.

You cannot get to Heaven even if there is only one sin in your heart. If you break only one law, you can still get in trouble with the police. You have broken the law of the land. You are a lawbreaker and are guilty. You may be taken to court, tried, and punished for the law that you have broken.

The same is true with God’s laws. If you break only one of God’s laws, you are still guilty of breaking the law. You have sinned. You deserve to be punished.

You cannot save yourself. “...none can keep alive his own soul.” (Psalm 22:29) Your relatives cannot do anything to save you. God says, “None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him.” (Psalm 49:7)

You ask, “How then can I be saved?”

Come to the cross.

Jesus said, “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (See John 6:37)

Jesus was tortured and beaten by people. They whipped His back with a cat-o’-nine-tails. His blood came out. They pressed a crown of thorns upon His head and then beat Him upon His head with a reed. His blood came out. They mocked Him and spat upon Him and cursed Him. They plucked out the hairs of his beard!

Oh, how He suffered! Yet He opened not His mouth. (See Isaiah 53:7)

They took Him to court and made false accusations against Him. They took Him and crucified Him. His hands were nailed to the cruel cross, and His blood came out. And “...one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.” (John 19:34)

All this they did to Jesus, the very God of gods, and the Lord of glory. Jesus willingly allowed men to nail Him to the cross and shed His blood. No one had to take Jesus life. He said, "...I lay down my life...No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself..." (See John 10:17,18) Also He said, "I lay down my life for the sheep." (See John 10:15)

And why did Jesus do all this?

In Matthew 26:28, Jesus Himself tells us why He shed His blood. He says, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Hebrews 9:22 tells us that "without shedding of blood is no remission." Jesus shed His blood so that you and I can have remission for our sins. Your sins can be washed away. Every last sin can be cleansed out of your heart. Jesus' blood was shed for everyone, and salvation is for everyone.

John 12:32,33 tells us, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw **all** men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die." God is "...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9)

It **is** God's will for you to be ready when Jesus comes. And you can be ready because you can believe in Jesus Who died for the remission of your sins. When you trust in Jesus, the Son of God, as your Saviour, you receive remission for your sins. God no longer sees sin in you because Jesus' blood has washed **all** of your sin away."

You ask, "How can I receive this remission for my sins?"

First of all, repent. Agree with God that you are a sinner and that your sins deserve to be punished. Be truly sorry for your sin and turn to God from your sins. "...how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." (I Thessalonians 1:9)

Repentance is necessary for salvation. Jesus Christy said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (See Luke 13:3)

Believe that Jesus' blood can save you from your sins and that Jesus is the only way to get saved. "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...." (Acts 16:31)

If you are truly sorry for your sins, and repent and turn to God from your sins and believe in the blood Jesus Christ for your salvation, you will be saved, and you will be saved for ever. Jesus said, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28)

Salvation is forever. Be saved and you will be ready when Jesus comes.

You may be wondering what will happen if you are not ready when Jesus comes to take all those who are save to Heaven to live with Him.

If you do not trust in Jesus as your Saviour, you will be left behind. You will have lost the chance to be ready. It will be too late. Satan will tell you a lie, and you will believe it.

II Thessalonians 2:9-12 says, “⁹Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Receive the love of the truth today. Be ready. You do not want to be left behind when Jesus comes.