

Christian Doctrine

The End Times (Conclusion)

The Hope of the Future

In examining the Scriptures in relation to end time events, it becomes clear that believers have much to look forward to. As we anticipate the future events to unfold, one event stands out among the rest. That is the moment of Christ's return when we are finally face to face with our Savior!

- “Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand” ([James 5:8](#)).
- “You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” ([Luke 12:40](#)).
- “Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” ([Titus 2:13](#)).

The glories of our future home in Paradise can no doubt fill our minds with excitement, but the center of our joy will be in the fact that we will dwell in the presence of our God for all eternity ([John 14:2-3](#))!

Living in Light of Eternity

Having a better understanding of what the future holds, these truths should have an impact on our lives. Scripture reveals that an understanding of the future will bring about:

- A realization that our present afflictions and troubles are only temporary ([II Cor. 4:17](#)).
- A desire to focus on Christ and things that have eternal value, as opposed to earthly things ([Col. 3:1-4](#)).
- A motivation to live in a way that we will not be ashamed when Christ returns ([I John 2:28](#); [3:2-3](#); [Titus 2:11-14](#)).
- A heart to share the gospel that others may experience new life in Christ ([Matt. 28:19](#); [I Cor. 9:19-23](#)).
- A passion to serve God whole-heartedly, knowing He rewards those who do so ([Matt. 16:24-27](#); [I Cor. 3:8, 14](#)).

Our God is the Creator of all things and the Almighty One who works His will to accomplish what He sets out to do! He is the One we look forward to seeing, and He is the One we live for!

“Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Revelation 22:20