

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

What If Jesus Had Returned Yesterday?

by Milton Smith

The title of this article is a question of no little importance. And when we reflect upon Jesus' own words that "many" will choose to walk the way of eternal destruction and that "few" will ultimately make it to the gates of Heaven (cf. Matthew 7:13-14), this question becomes even richer in significance. While our busy schedules might often prevent us from doing so, we should actually reflect upon His return every day! Could it be that the Lord has chosen tomorrow as the day of His return? If that be the case, in what condition will you find yourself to be in the day after tomorrow? Only the wise will bother to seriously ponder this thought.

We all need to live every day as if we actually had access to information that told us that Jesus' return was imminent; that it could occur at any moment "in the twinkling of an eye." But it is most interesting to consider the fact that in a very real way, that is actually true. We know that Jesus promised us that He would return, and we know that we are closer to that day than any day that has yet dawned upon this earth; but we also know that this very day could be that day!

The world is nearly 2000 years closer to His return than it was during His earthly walk when He often spoke of that fateful day involving His impending return. "Watch" was the word of caution that Jesus often used when He spoke of that inevitable day of His assured return. Later today, we will close out another day on earth (Lord willing!). Each of us will then welcome the dawning of a new day. May we all be living our lives as if we knew for a guaranteed fact that tomorrow would be that final day of mankind's existence in this rapidly passing world.

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:13).

Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in July @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men will meet 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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Family News

- Helen Floyd, Ramona's sister, fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and needs our prayers as she recovers.
- The church van is for sale. If interested, contact Danny or Shelby.
- Please consider serving in the areas of teaching classes and leading prayers.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Danny Runion

CLOSING PRAYER Ted Wammack



Shelby Qualls

Christ's Second Coming

author unknown

Hebrews 9:27-28, "Just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come a second time, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him."

The sacrifice of Christ completely saves from sin, as a "once for all" action. In verse 27, this was compared to the way in which men die a single time, and that this death leads to judgment.

Just as each man dies *once*, Christ will only die for sins *once*. Just as men die, and then are judged, Christ has already died, and will return to judge the world. Christ's next arrival will be for the purpose of "saving" those who have trusted and obeyed Him. This is meant in the sense that Christ's ultimate return, in victory, signals the final completion of God's plan to judge sin and save His people (Titus 2:13).



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Dorothy Teague		Ted & Sanyia Austin	J.B. & Wanda Dill

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

August Birthdays

Ashlyn Beebe 3 rd	Melba Gillihan 4 th	John Smith 8 th
Charlene Langston 10 th	Tiffany Webb 10 th	Holly Cooper 12 th
Billy Beebe 13 th	Brent Qualls 15 th	Abe Cooper 15 th
Anita Love 17 th	Tim Vest 20 th	Diane Zook 20 th
Jimmie Young 22 nd	Dottie McWherter 23 rd	Jordan Kimble 23 rd
Ramona Qualls 26 th	Roby Cooper 26 th	Laine Wagoner 27 th
Sarena Young 28 th	Shawna Teegarden 29 th	Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 st

August Anniversaries

Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 th	Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 th
Kelly & Tiffany Webb 13 th	Ronnie & Sallie Adkisson 15 th
Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 st	Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 rd
Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 th	

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."