



## The Purpose for Christ's Second Coming

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### Introduction:

God always does things on purpose. His timing is perfect. His plan is not haphazard it has a timetable to it.

The Lord never does anything without having a purpose behind it. We have looked at the promise of His coming, the preparation for His coming, and this morning we want to explore the purpose for His second coming.

The purpose for His first coming was so that He might destroy the work of the devil. When He came the first time, He came as a baby. He came that we might have life. He came as the light of the world, the Savior of mankind, the Lamb of God. This time when Jesus comes it will be for the following reasons.

### I. He will come to reign.

**Rev 11:15** - He is coming as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We know that after the Lord comes back there will be a millennium of peace when the Lord will set up an earthly kingdom.

#### **Rev. 20:4-6**

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

In several of the parables that Jesus taught we see the idea of the Master being gone and coming back. He warns not to be sleeping, but to be ready. He indicates that those who increased what was trusted to them would have more responsibility and authority in helping Him oversee true riches. We see Him tell those in the story who He was pleased with to enter into the joy of your Lord.

When Jesus comes back and sets up an earthly kingdom, we are going to see the way He intended for the world to be. He will reign as the Prince of Peace. For 1,000 years there will be peace. Satan will be bound and will not have any ability to deceive people during this time. The ferocity of animals will be removed, their nature will be tamed.

#### **Isaiah 11:6-9**

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy

mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

The knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth. I believe this time will be as close as one could get to the way God wanted things to be when He first created the Heavens and Earth and mankind.

## **II. He will come to destroy death itself.**

### **I Corinthians 15:24-28**

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that ‘everything’ has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup>When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

All principalities and powers and dominions will be subject to Christ. Every person and every power will submit to His authority as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All authority and power will belong to Christ.

We know Romans tells us that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is a fact that Jesus has overcome death. He rose from the dead and is alive forever more. He had the power to lay down His life and to take it up again. We are the ones who will bring Him glory by rising in victory over death just like He did. In Romans 8:9-11 we read this scripture:

### **Romans 8:9-11**

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

We have this hope from God’s word that because Jesus comes back for us, and because the Spirit of

Christ is alive and living within us, He will also give life to our mortal bodies through His spirit.

### **I Corinthians 15:51-57**

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - <sup>52</sup>in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup>Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?” <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we walk in resurrection power because of the Spirit of God who dwells in us, then death itself will be destroyed. Jesus had to die to destroy the consequence of sin. This whole earth is under the curse of sin. That’s why I have to put weed and feed on my lawn, and I still get thistles and things with thorns that grow. That’s why things here don’t live forever. That’s why everything decays.

After 1,000 years of peace, Satan is let loose once again for a short time on the earth, and will go out to deceive the nations. After Satan is loosed, people will be deceived and will gather from all nations. People will gather at Armageddon, and fire will come down from heaven and devour them. Finally Satan and the beast and false prophet are all thrown into the lake of fire. (REV 20:14 – then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.)

## **III. He will come to complete salvation.**

### **Hebrews 9:28**

So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

We talked last week about preparing for his coming, and those who would prepare for His coming would “wait forward,” wait with patience. Who is He coming to save, to rescue? He’s coming for those who are waiting for Him. Do you see the importance of anticipating His return? Those who do so are the ones He will come to rescue.

The word salvation here means to rescue or deliver. Rescue 911 is a TV show that brings to our living room, real life rescues. The people who are rescued would certainly perish in the situations they find themselves in if someone didn't come to rescue them. There is no way in these episodes that those who are in danger could possibly rescue themselves. Without someone helping and coming to their aid, they are destined to die, to perish without hope.

So it is with us and Christ. We can not possibly rescue ourselves from the consequences of sin which are eternal death and destruction without Christ coming to our aid.

When He comes back again and rescues us, our salvation will be complete. We will be safely with Him in heaven. The rescue part is yet to come.

#### CONCLUSION:

He is coming back for the purpose to establish His authority over His creation and show how things were to be. He is coming back for the purpose of destroying death through the resurrection, and to complete our salvation by rescuing us from this world and its curse. His purpose is sure and it will come to pass.