

I. We must be ready for Christ's return to earth

A. What must we do to be ready?

1. We know Jesus Christ as our Savior
2. We live as faithful servants of Christ

"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people out you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming." (2 Peter 3:11-12)

3. We look forward to Christ's return

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20)

B. What does Jesus promise us?

1. He will return to earth

"Yes, it is as you say,' Jesus replied. 'But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.'" (Matthew 26:64)

"Men of Galilee', they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'" (Acts 1:11)

2. He will come at an unexpected time

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief." (2 Peter 3:10)

3. He will serve those who serve him

"Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" (Revelation 19:9)

II. We will be held accountable when Jesus returns

"Each of us will give an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)

A. Faithful stewardship

1. We live with Christ as our master
2. We live in order to do God's will
3. We are rewarded with future opportunities

"You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things." (Matthew 25:23)

B. Unfaithful stewardship

1. Unfaithful servants put off serving Jesus

2. Unfaithful servants ignore doing God's will
3. Unfaithful servants receive appropriate judgment