

I. There will be signs revealing the soon coming of Christ

A. There will be unusual signs in the sky

“I will show wonders in heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Acts 2:19-21)

B. There will be confusion and anxiety

C. There will be disturbances in the oceans

II. The return of Christ to earth

A. He will return to earth visible to all

“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the people of the earth will mourn because of him.” (Revelation 1:7)

B. He will return to earth with a spectacular entrance

“Men of Galilee, 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)

C. He will return to earth with overwhelming power

“This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7)

D. He will return to earth in great glory

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.” (Mathew 25:31)

E. He will return to complete our redemption

III. The return of Christ to earth is near

A. We can see how prophecies are being fulfilled

B. We can trust in the always true word of God

“You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.” (James 5:8)

IV. What are we to do while we wait for Christ’s return

A. We must be careful not to be lured into frivolous living

B. We must be careful not to be controlled by anxiety

“Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

- C. We must be alert and expecting Christ’s return
- D. We must keep praying until he comes
- E. We must be ready for Christ’s return through living by faith

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives, as you look forward to the day of God.” (2 Peter 3:10-12)