

workings of the Spirit that God has promised. Each day our devotions lead us out of the human standard we have been content with and into a life in the Spirit that God has provided and will certainly make real to us.” (End of Quote)

"Beauty for Ashes"

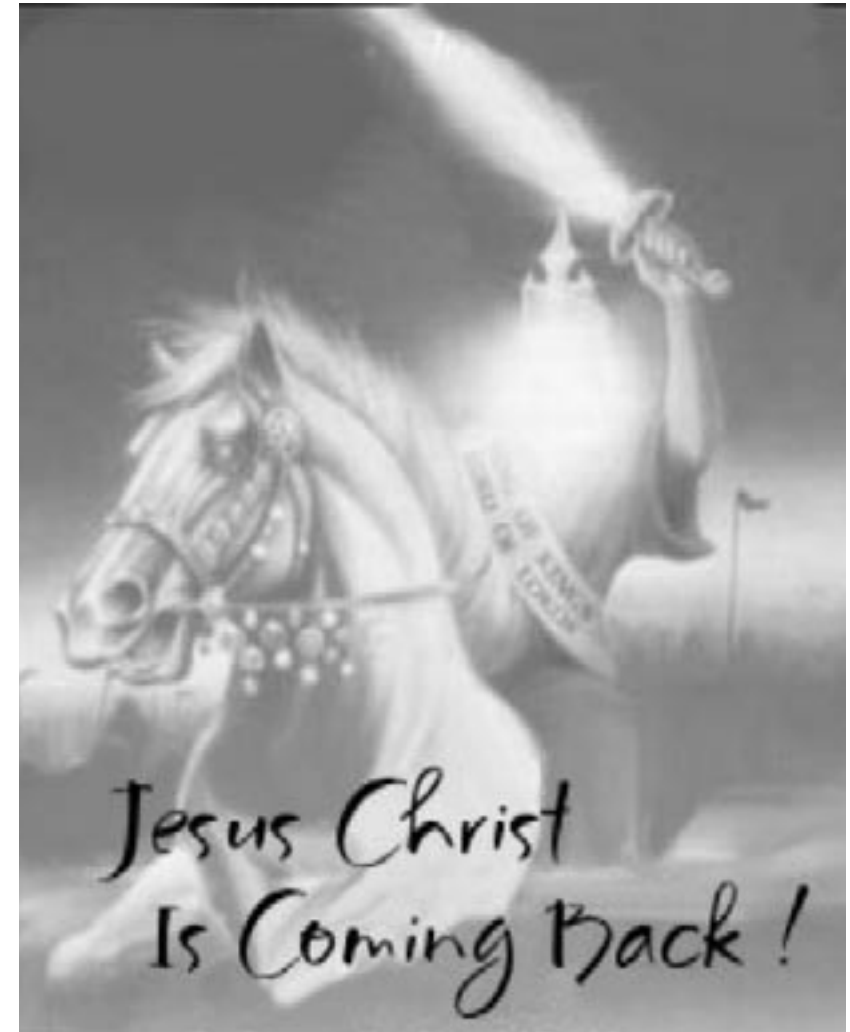
COMMENT ON LAST ISSUE OF BEAUTY FOR ASHES.

The last issue of *Beauty for Ashes* contained a warfare prayer at the end. It was quite scriptural in content, but we later found out that the source was Pentecostal. A subscriber noted that the prayer was rather “me, me, me” and “I, I, I” in some places. I agree in part, but consider that when one is dealing with a complete surrender the “I” and “me” are really about self-submission, not self-dependency. Nevertheless, I do regret including that prayer, as I did not realise from where it had come. It was used at a counseling session with a friend who found it helpful, then it was passed on to me.



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"He ...ascended up
far above all heavens,
that he might fill
all things."
Ephesians 4:10



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"Beauty for Ashes" has also the aim to
express the reality of the Exchanged Life:

There is "Beauty", the Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
Whose Life is given for the "Ashes" of our own
sin-destroyed lives:

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newal, sanctification, revival, the joy unspeakable
of Christian holiness. The Life that satisfies the
Christian, and pleases the Almighty God is found
only in Him.

The wonder-filled words of Isaiah 61:3 might have a
primary interpretation pertaining to the restora-
tion of Israel. However, they also have a delightful,
awe-inspiring application to the Church Age Christian
believer. Do you want to exchange "Beauty" for
the "Ashes" of your own fruitlessness, independence,
failure and striving to do better? Then come to the
One Who is All you need.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
Where can mortal be more blest?
There I lay my sins and sorrows,
And, when weary, find sweet rest.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
There I love to weep and pray,
While I from His fullness gather,
Grace and comfort every day.

(Source unknown).

time, the church sank into the darkness of the Middle Ages. With
the Reformation and the preaching of the doctrine of justification
by faith, there was a great revival of Christian truth. But it lacked
the corresponding revival of Christian life and practice. While we
bless God for the Reformation, we must remember that *it was not
Pentecost*. The spirit and power of Pentecost was infinitely greater.

Receiving Power from God

Church history tells us that it sometimes took half a cen-
tury and more before some of the great doctrines of our faith were
fully understood and formulated. It was not given to one generation
to develop more than one truth at a time. All the strength of the
Reformers was required to free the great doctrine of justification
by faith from the errors under which it had been buried. The full
exposition of the doctrine of sanctification, of the power and work
of the Holy Spirit, of the calling of the church to preach the Gospel
to the heathen these truths were left to later ages.

Even now in studying the true standard of spiritual devo-
tion to God, we must beware of looking to the Reformation or to
later ages for our answer. Our only safety is in careful study guided
by the Holy Spirit and the teaching of Scripture. God gave Paul
as an example and a pledge of what He could do for us. Therefore,
we may be sure that his example of devotion, self-sacrifice, joy, and
victory will help us find the path in which we can live pleasing to
God.

Stepping into Spiritual Life

Private devotions give us a clearer insight into what
God is absolutely willing to do for us. A life prepared for us by
God Him-self is waiting to be revealed in us by the Holy Spirit.
We must only be ready to know and confess how much is lacking
in our spiritual life.

The church today is characterized by the feeble workings
of the Holy Spirit. The Bible promises us the mighty working of
God's Spirit in the hearts of His children. Therefore, we should
make a penitent confession of how little we have honored the Holy
Spirit and lived up to what He is willing to work in us. Then our
hearts will be drawn out to a new and stronger faith in the mighty

object of their longing desire and their confident assurance: a life of faith in which Christ reigns in their hearts. (End of Quote)

THE REFORMATION OR THE BIBLE?

There has been some controversy about SANCTIFICATION. Whether the glorious Biblical doctrines about Sanctification in our Christian walk as being by Grace through faith are true to the Reformation beliefs. A certain Christian newsletter complained, basically, that the Sanctification by faith alone doctrines of such believers as Murray, Finney, Torrey and the Wesleys were not true to the Reformation teachings. So I was delighted with the following quote from my favourite author, Andrew Murray. Remember, the authentic fullness of the Holy Spirit is not to be confused with the obvious counterfeits of the current Pentecostal movement.

From *Secrets of Authority*, pages 124-125, by Andrew Murray:

"Paul—Our Example

Paul said that Christ made him a pattern for all believers, and he frequently admonished the churches to follow his example. In studying true New Testament devotion, Paul makes an excellent pattern. But why should we imitate Paul when God gave His Son as our perfect pattern? Many look upon Christ in His sinless perfection as utterly beyond what they can attain. Thus, His example loses much of its impact.

But Paul, the chief of sinners, was a man like us. Christ proved what He could do for a sinner in saving Paul and keeping him from sin. What Christ did for Paul, He can and will do for us, too. If we as Christians make a careful study of the life of devotion Christ enabled Paul to live, we will be one step nearer to the absolute devotion to God set before us in Scripture. We will know the true devotion that is essential to a Christian life.

Is there really a great difference between the standard of devotion in our churches and that of the New Testament? Our creeds honor God's Word, and we acknowledge Scripture as our only guide. A little reflection will suggest the answer.

Not long after the first generations of Christians had passed away, terrible corruption entered the church. In course of

Personal Revival....

Jesus Christ
Is Coming Back!



Jesus Christ Is Coming Back!

The world *needs* Jesus Christ right now! He must come back soon; the place is becoming totally unlivable! It is not just the bogus “Climate Change” state of affairs, or the cries for “sustainable development” which really means killing off the unwanted and unproductive citizens of this old planet by the billions, it is the destruction of all that ever was or ever will be GOOD! There is no moral or righteous fiber left here now, good has become bad, bad is good, black is white and white is black. There was a time when the non-Christian community made some sort of attempt to present a *decent* façade of life, now all that has gone. My Mum and Dad were not Christians, but they frowned on immorality, considered course behaviour, drunkenness, divorce and abortion were shocking matters. Now – anything goes and foul evil is applauded.

The murder of unwanted babies continues by the many thousands every year in Australia. (Not to mention the toll worldwide, millions). People just do not stay in marriages as they once did; they walk in and out of relationships like passing ships in the night! Homosexuality, once a never-mentioned horror, is now commonplace, applauded. I just came from a lunch break watching a biography program on television. The two women interviewed were presented as treasures of Australian society, women we can all be proud of. They spoke of their parents’ various affairs, beatings by lovers, drugs, and alcohol booze-ups, their own immorality, one was a lesbian, there were disgraceful stories with photos, people with hairstyles like punk rockers, and “colourful” gutter pasts. Interviewed by Jackie O looking so dignified and immaculate, she made out it was interesting and exciting. Instead it was as degraded and as aflame as hell!

**Where are even decent people today?
The older generation seems to be holding
some sort of morality, on the surface, or are they?**

in us, unto him be glory” (Eph. 3:20-21). Faith in the promise of what the Father of glory will do, according to the riches of His glory, will teach us to worship, saying, “Glory! Glory to Him forever and ever.”

Assured of God's Almighty Power

This doxology gives a revelation of what lies at the root of Paul’s standard of prayer and expectation. He was confident that his prayer that believers “*be strengthened with might... in the inner man,*” according to the riches of God’s glory, would be granted. Many say this was meant to be an ideal to stir our desires, but that its actual fulfillment in life in this world is beyond our reach. This thought cuts away the root of the faith in the supernatural power of God in our lives. Since it is absolutely secured in the promise, it is therefore possible in experience.

Paul dared any reader to say that what he asked for out of the riches of God’s glory was too high and beyond what we dare think or ask. He knew what the greatness of God’s power had done in his own life. He knew God was ready to do a miracle in anyone who would give himself up with his whole heart and life to trust God. He answered every doubt and encouraged every sincere soul who is willing to trust God for the fulfillment of the prayer to say with him, “*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*” (Eph. 3:20-21).

Here was Paul’s standard of the New Testament life.

IS IT OURS?

Do I believe it with my whole heart and soul?

Does it inspire my private devotion in the prayer closet?

**Does it make me realize that my life’s devotion is the best
and the happiest thing there is in the world?**

Who will yield himself, like Paul, to be an intercessor?

**Who will plead not only with but also for the believers
around him, that they may learn to expect
the almighty power of God to work in them?**

What has previously appeared beyond their reach may become the

His unceasing and omnipotent presence.

Just as God maintains the life of the body by supporting the heart in its action, the Holy Spirit, by His almighty power, strengthens our inner man daily to enable us to live the true spiritual life. Christ's dwelling in the heart is meant to be our portion. In speaking of his conversion, Paul wrote, "*It pleased God... to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen*" (Gal. 1:15—16). When he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, he preached Him as dwelling in the heart. He would have none of his readers to be without it. He continually pleaded with God to strengthen them with might in their inner lives, so that nothing might keep them from this wonderful blessing.

It seems as if the church has lost the understanding of the reality of Christ's indwelling. Yet Paul's teaching is in harmony with that of our blessed Lord. When Jesus spoke of the gift of the Holy Spirit, He said, "*At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you*" (John 14:20). He went on to add, "*If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him*" (v. 23).

Our Lord speaks here of something far beyond the initial grace of pardon and regeneration. He speaks of what would be given to those who love Him and keep His commandments—of a special gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling and working in them, The blessing offered to us completes the spiritual life with the highest exhibition of what the mighty power of God can work in *us*. Christ wants to dwell in the heart. Let us begin with urgent prayer for ourselves and for God's children around us. God will work according to the riches of His glory to lift us out of our feebleness and bring us into a new life that will be lived to His praise and glory.

When Jesus Christ is within us, we are "*rooted and grounded in love*" (Eph. 3:17). We can begin to comprehend the reality and the joy of the love of Christ that passes knowledge. This leads to being filled with the fullness of God. The Spirit of power fills the inner man, the presence of Christ fills the heart, and the fullness of God fills all.

No wonder Paul said, "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh*

In a newspaper, I read of the epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases in UK retirement villages!

**Is immorality and vice running riot
behind the curtains among retirees here?**

It seems impossible to contemplate. Yet who knows.

We seek to help many people, and so encounter men and women whose ordinary way of life is like a different dimension to ours. What they consider "normal" living is heart breaking to me. Heavy drugs, prostitution, violence, cruelty, blasphemy, and oaths – all mixed up with getting the kids to school on time. We have been called "straights," as though there are social levels that are banded together as "crooked"? Australia has become like a moral sewer – we will soon be drinking recycled sewage water if the government gets its way, we are already drinking moral debauchery.

Can you *feel* the dramatic changes occurring on the earth? It is almost like a physical experience – everything is going haywire! Yet, people around us are mostly oblivious. On the "Christian" TV channel, they are saying how wonderful everything is, that the Church of Jesus Christ is experiencing the most victorious period in history – huge revivals are happening according to them. These apostates who are joining with the Vatican to bring in the One World Church in all its wickedness, who are printing and distributing perverting, evil "Bible" versions that are cursed, who are declaring that "God loves you" and requires nothing but a cursory "repentance" and He will welcome anyone with open arms. Oh, so you are still committing fornication, you are still getting drunk in the hotel and taking drugs, O.K. now it is all "under the Blood." All is forgiven, just be at peace, God loves you. No need to be fussed by true repentance and abandoning sin. God wants you to enjoy raucous rock music in church and be a millionaire! And this is the Church victorious? No way!

As we work on Despatch magazine, and gaze with startled eyes at the fantastic rise of the Antichrist system, whilst we investigate the tremendous satanic CHANGE that is going on, our hearts are grieved for those who are unsaved. The Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is right there in your super markets, and all over the world, plunging the planet into total control

– beyond anything in our wildest dreams. This technology can count every grain of sand on the planet, can track everything about you, read through your pockets and look at your money, can track every cent you spend and know what you buy, down to the last can of coke. The radio beams are now passing through us unseen, causing as yet untold mischief to our health and body works. A DVD, which was made two years, can give you the picture – write for it and weep for this world of woe. The DVD is two years old – things have progressed vastly since this report was made (RFID - DVD x 2 - \$10 posted).

The rise of occultism, Satanism, and heathen worship is becoming worse every moment. I recently won a dying woman to Christ, and she mentioned to me another woman who is her friend, I will call this friend "Clair" it is not her name. Clair runs a KYB class, I thought she was seeking to win the dying lady to Christ as well, I almost left her to this elderly Clair and her witness.

"I am confused, the dying lady said. Clair, who is a Christian, does not say what you say, Wendy."

"Why, I replied, "What is different? What is she telling you?"

"She wants the Buddhists to come to my house, She says they have helped her so much," replied my dear convert to Christ . She went on, "I told Clair that surely the Lord says that you shall have no other gods beside Me."

The dear soul remembered Sunday school lessons, perhaps, way back in the past. Yes, the KYB (Know Your Bible) leader was pushing Buddhism, how can such things be?

We went to get food supplies recently and there were eight mediums with tables and chairs set up, right in the middle of the shopping mall. They advertised themselves on large coloured banners as internationally renowned spiritualists. Young women who had just come to shop for their families were sitting at the tables, each with their own medium in full attention. The excited shoppers were lining up waiting for these witches to lay demons on them! Tarot cards were being used, all such fun and games. DIVINATION, WITCHES MAGIC, ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ESOTERIC FORTUNE TELLING as one buys the groceries and

we have the prayer for the Spirit of power to strengthen us with His might. The greatness of God's power is to be a permanent experience in our inner lives. Let us bow with deep reverence as we gaze upon this mystery of love.

Notice first the expression, "*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory.*" Paul wanted us to take time and think of God's glory and inconceivable riches. Then, in faith, we can expect that God will do nothing less to us than according to the riches of that glory. Our inner man can experience the glory of God shining in our hearts and manifesting His power in what He does within us. Our faith cannot expect the fulfillment of the prayer until it enters into and claims that God will work in us according to the riches of His glory. Let us take time and see that nothing less than this is the measure of our faith.

"*That he would grant you... to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.*" The Spirit is indeed the mighty power of God. As the Spirit of wisdom, He reveals the greatness of God's power in us who believe the power that lifted Christ from the cross to the throne. He teaches us to believe in the greatness of God's power in us. As the Spirit of power, He works in us, strengthening us in the inner man.

In His Word, God continually calls on His servants to be strong and courageous. God chooses the weak things of this world, but He wants them to be strong in faith and strong "*in the power of his might*" (Eph. 6:10). With strength of will, they can be ready to do all God says; and with strength of character, they will be bold for any sacrifice.

In a healthy body, strength is not something separated from the whole, but it fills the entire being and permeates every fiber. Likewise, "*to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man*" simply means that our whole being is under the sway of His mighty power.

Abiding in Christ

The purpose of this strengthening with might is that "*Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.*" The divine power enables and emboldens our faith to claim this precious privilege. The Spirit reveals Christ dwelling within us and gives the consciousness of

wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

Do not be deceived by the wisdom of the world, Christ Jesus and God's Word is what we need. God's Holy Spirit will reveal Truth to you, if you are humble enough and needy enough to yield to Him.

2 Peter 2: 1-3.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

The Bible warns of "covetousness" or greed for more material goods and money as the draw-card of the false prophets. They want your money, and they want the churchgoers to crave big bucks as well! This is how they will draw in the worldly churchgoers. Prosperity doctrines! Yield to God so that He can give you a simple life, filled with self-giving generosity, not self-grasping ways.

ABIDE IN CHRIST.

Secrets of Authority, by Andrew Murray, pages 154-158

"Opening the Door to Power

I bow my knees unto the Father... that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. —Ephesians 3:14, 16—17

We see in this wonderful prayer the harmonious work of the blessed Trinity. The Father grants the Spirit of power. The Spirit reveals Christ in the heart. Through Christ and the Spirit, we are filled with all the fullness of God! As God dwells in heaven as the Three in One, even so He lives in our hearts.

Paul's prayer at the close of chapter one of Ephesians was that God would give us the Spirit of wisdom so that we might know Him in the greatness of His power to us who believe. Here

has a Cappuccino. We approached the manager of the mall and threatened to boycott the place and get others to do so if he ever let those spiritualists in again! We have not seen the mediums and their tarots since – for a long time now?

A Christian pastor of a local church told us recently that he gets death threats every week from Satanists in our area. Another leader, who deals in under cover deprogramming of Satanic Ritual Abuse victims, has told us that there are people who are in great distress in all levels of Australian society because of the dealings of Satanists operating in high-level authority in our land. In the medical field, educational field, big business, government etc. Pray for the lost, pray for those who are without hope and dying without Christ in a world that is like the pre-flood world that Noah knew. A great spiritual blackness is hitting Australia and the globe. The Nephilim are back! That is a big story.

There are those who tell us that the RAPTURE of the Church is a wimpish and defeatist doctrine. They tell us we must stand up and fight the global government that is right now enslaving every person on the planet. They tell us Christians once thought that the Third Reich of Hitler was the Antichrist system, and that those fools simply did nothing but wait for Jesus Christ to come, hoping to selfishly be taken out of the disaster, removed from the scene; but the Christians in Hitler's day were wrong, the Rapture was not to happen then. Nevertheless, they were right in being faithful to God by watching and waiting.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

There are those who tell us that Christians today must not fall for the same selfish reasoning, to believe the Rapture is near, and to be waiting for it.

Is this what the Bible tells us?

Is the belief in the Rapture a self centred, fearful belief, and does it make believers cowards and cause them to be thrashed before they can even act?

Is this present period any different from the World War II era?

Today the global government that is before us all, is already totally in control of everything, simply biding its time to go fully public, is of such power that nothing has ever touched it in history for supremacy. The RFID is beyond imagination, everything is being chipped with microchips, some so small that they cannot be seen by the unaided human eye. These chips are going in cans, babies' nappies, shoes, car tyres, toothpaste packets, in humans, in every produce in the supermarket, you name it. The odd doorways you see in shops, those strange looking bars on stands, are there to receive RFID signals! They will know exactly what you buy, how you use it and how you dispose of it. GPS is another huge technology. Global positioning systems are able to see you even when you shower, when you sleep. Your conversations can be heard at any time. The global government is so devious that all the initiatives people think are saving the planet and saving the ecology are actually bringing about population reduction on a massive scale, also bringing enslavement and unspeakable removal of human rights. Right across the planet now the New World Order is bringing its governmental regime into such action that it cannot be opposed, this is all prevailing, it cannot be brought under control now. This is nothing like Hitler's puny attempt to rule the world. The majority of earth's citizens see the implementation of the United World under the Illuminati as being the answer to the earth's problems - at last. They truly believe this promises peace, safety and a wonderful union of nations - hurrah for the United Nations. The unsaved will accept the Antichrist with open arms and adoring hearts. It is all happening, here in Australia as well, as the *Earth Dialogues Forum* in July with President Gorbachev, clearly showed.

THE RAPTURE IS OUR BLESSED HOPE.

The RAPTURE is not a wimpish desire to escape from responsibility. It is a Bible truth, and a stunningly wonderful proof of God's great love for His redeemed people, the Church of Jesus Christ. It is not cowardly to realise that the world is in the middle of a satanic take-over designed over many, many ages, to culminate in the latter days. This is reality, dear ones. To believe in the Rapture is to be a

willful, disobedient, disgraceful backsliders. Some are not genuinely saved, some are. People of God there is no transformation in just going to church, or even in reading the Bible, there is only one way to be "happy in Jesus" and that is "to trust and obey." Those who do not want obedience unto holiness will find the going awfully tough in the Last Days, those who will not bow the knee and have faith in Christ Jesus and worship Him as Lord and Master will have a massively difficult time in these perilous times! If you recognise yourself here - then you deserve what you get if you do not repent!

IS THERE REAL DANGER FROM ENTICING WORDS IF YOU ARE A GENUINE BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN?

There certainly is, if you fulfill the conditions.

Romans 16:17, 18:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

The above passage shows that you should avoid those who are causing division by turning away from the sound doctrines of the authentic Bible. You must not go along with good words and fair speeches of those who do not really serve the Lord Jesus Christ of Scripture, but serve their own belly - or themselves and their greeds. Do not put yourselves in danger of deception.

1 Cor. 2: 1-5:

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the

**What does the apostle Paul tell us is the answer
so that we will not be beguiled and enticed
by the words of false teachers?**

It is not over yet, we do not want to run after false teaching and be trapped into apostasy ourselves. We want to help others avoid the sufferings, the delusions, the shame before Christ of following Satan's smart-aleck servants.

How can we avoid this?

By reading the Bible more?

Yes, we should read and study the Bible, but if it is just an intellectual understanding with no opening of the Holy Spirit, no intention of obeying to the uttermost, no spiritual enlightenment, it is of little use, really! Let us read what the Word says in Colossians 2:5-12. The indwelling Christ and His fullness is the answer to avoiding being deceived in the Great Apostasy.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" Colossians 2: 6-10.

We have seen so much of a shallow "Christian" walk in believers these days. Believers who say they are saved, but who frequent nightclubs, who go to church on Sunday but never pick up the Bible or pray at any other time. They might even have sexual episodes outside of marriage, drink, smoke or gamble, and live as though making money was top priority in their lives. Some have gotten into terrible troubles and bemoan their fate –

why isn't God working in my life?

Why have I lost my job,

why can't I find someone to be my wife,

why am I depressed?

I need more counseling; I have problems of a deep personal nature! It is obvious why they have so many distresses – they are

real believer, one who trusts God's Word, and who understands that no one can handle the problems of this fallen world, only Jesus Christ can. The churches cannot rise up and solve the problems of the world, any more than the New World Order can. They are becoming rapidly the same, anyway. To suppose that we can join together as Christians and win a victory over the United Nations et al is rebellion against God! Only Jesus Christ can save the planet from the ecology and environmental problems that humans have created by mismanagement and wars. Only Jesus Christ coming back to reign on this earth can stop wars, bring peace and get rid of nuclear bombs and air pollution – and only He can put down the ugly revolt against God by the New World Order. Until He comes, humans cannot solve their problems.

IS JESUS CHRIST COMING BACK?

Where is He,

why does He not come back and stop all this?

Because it is not yet God's time. He has great mercy towards those who are lost, He possibly has other human beings who must be born before Christ comes back, we are not the Lord, and we cannot dictate to Him what His timing should be. We know nothing. But, there is not a shadow of a doubt that the Lord Jesus Christ will one day come back – because the Bible tells us so! The Second Coming is stated 318 times in the 260 chapters of the New Testament, it occupies one in every 25 verses from Matthew to Revelation. By far the greater number of Old Testament predictions concern the Second Coming rather than the First Coming of Christ.

Believers must prepare themselves for the coming of Jesus Christ; this is godly and right.

Here are just a few of the verses in the NT:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:3.

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto

salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

1 Thess.

4:16, 17.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:19-21.

GOD COMMANDS HIS PEOPLE:

to comfort sorrowing and suffering believers with the TRUTH that Christ Jesus is Coming Back. God wants us to be full of His peace as we see the terrible things happening on earth:

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God..."

Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?"

Isaiah 40: 1, 10-13.

Compare the Isaiah passage with 1 Thess. 4:18; Titus 2:13; and 11 Peter 3:11, 13. The Rapture is our BLESSED HOPE. It is not a coward's way of escape, or a way of dodging our political responsibilities. It should be our EAGER DESIRE, 11 Peter 3: 8-12

See verse 7 of Luke 18, a crying out to God day and night, the saved people are crying out because of what they are seeing and suffering.

"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"

Do not be impatient, God will avenge and God will intervene at His own, ordained, point in time.

In the meanwhile, whilst we wait, by the time Jesus Christ comes in the Rapture, there will be little or no faith in the Scriptures left in organized religion!!! This is implied in the text above.

STUDY CAREFULLY:

- Roman 1:5;
- Col.1:23; 2:7;
- 1 Cor. 16:13;
- Tit.1:13;
- 11 Cor. 13:5;
- Jude 3.

Apostasy, apostasy, apostasy will reign in the last of the Last Days. It must be so, else the Bible is mistaken, and it is never mistaken, be not afraid or dismayed. This shocking state of false teachings, crazy doctrines, New Age practices in the churches, Satanism dressed up as Christianity, this will not end for us unto the Rapture takes us away. Keep in mind that this is really like a judgement of God, a parting of the ways, a separation of the counterfeit "believers" from the true believers. Sad as this is to write, those who are going deeper into deception in the churches are those who have disobeyed God and have departed from the faith once delivered to the saints. They have embraced false "apostles," they read from New Age "bibles," they have exchanged the straight and narrow way for the broad way of the materialistic, humanistic teachers of lies.

ARE WE IN DANGER

OF DECEPTION OURSELVES?

We must heed the warning of Colossians 2:4.

"And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words."

Iniquity has always been on earth, and doctrinal apostasy and heresy has been in the Christian Church since the time it was formed. But, the Bible shows that there will come a much more horrifying time at the end of the Church Age when "a falling away first" will occur. The great falling away from Truth. Before what? Before the "man of sin" or the Beast shows himself openly to the world.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." 11 Thess. 2:3.

The Antichrist system and the Beast cannot rise to power globally until there is huge departure from the Truth in Christendom! Be not afraid of the heresy and error going on. The Scripture has told us it will happen just as it is happening. Bible prophecy is coming to pass.

All things are not coming apart – God is in control.
11 Thess. 2:3.

How do we know that this is actual apostasy to which the verse is referring?

Because the Greek word for falling away is "apostasia" - a defection or a forsaking of faith.

The professing Church, Christendom not true Christianity, is defecting completely from anything Christian.

Luke 18:8 and 11 Timothy 3:1-8 give us more clues on this.

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:8.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come... Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 11 Timothy 3:1, 5.

Luke 18:8 is not referring to individual, personal faith; it is talking about the actual belief of groups, peoples and organizations. These organizations will corporately and completely lack faith in the whole body of Scripture!

- "hasting" is in the Greek *spendo*, to "desire earnestly."
"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" 11 Peter 3:8-12.

Once the Rapture is over, this will begin the whole end-time schema (plan) of God that will finally bring about the new heavens and the new earth. The Tribulation will happen, then Christ Jesus will come to reign for a thousand years on earth, and finally God will make a new environmental system and a renewed earth. All of this and only this is the answer to the planet's war, destroyed environment, cruelty, upheavals and stress. No one can bring peace, ecological purity and save the planet but Jesus Christ Himself.

THE LAST PRAYER IN THE BIBLE.

Revelation 22:20. *"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."*

That is how important the Second Coming is, it is the last prayerful proclamation of God's Word. The last comment so to speak from the depths of the being of God's Church.

I was once in a New Age meeting in the hinterland town of Maleny on the Sunshine Coast. I had wandered into a hall when I was visiting that picturesque town. There was an environmental meeting going on, with all the Mother Earth teaching and pantheistic religious dogma happening. The New Agers were ridiculing Christians with jeers and guffaws. *"Oh, come Lord Jesus, come!"* the

speaker said over and over again, and the audience were holding their sides with laughter. "He will never come, that is the stupid part!" the handsome young New Ager yelled in the midst of this rubbish. Oh yes He will, and it will be a sight that will terrify the ungodly and bring God's wrath upon their heads.

The Coming Again of Christ Jesus is the special object of hatred and ridicule of unsaved churches and the mockers in the world. Even disobedient and worldly Christians can hate this truth, because they do not live for Heaven and Home, they live for ambition and greed for what is right here on earth, just like the world does:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 11 Peter 3:3-7.

ARE WE LETTING SATAN RULE GOD'S WORLD?

The "kingdom now" churchgoers and the political activists in Christendom declare that Rapture believers are just sitting back waiting for the Rapture and letting Satan take God's world!

The Bible has a different slant altogether. The Bible declares that waiting for the Second Coming with the Rapture has an enormous effect on the true believer. This blessed hope should make us watchful, faithful, wise, active, live simply and prudently, exercise self-restraint, be filled with prayer for the lost and above all, cause us to ABIDE IN CHRIST.

All of this is shown in the passages that follow:

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom

This phenomenon was already there in Paul's time, he says so in this verse.

Matthew 13:11 gives us more information:

"(Why speakest thou unto them in parables?) He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

We, as Christ's flock, are privileged in that the Lord wants us to understand the "mysteries" of His Word.

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¹⁶. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

JOHN 1.1,14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴. And the Word was suite flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we behold his glory; the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

²⁰. Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

²⁷. To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory :

GAL:2:20

²⁰. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and

MEANWHILE IN 2006 –

the Great Falling Away is happening right now!

How is this impacting you and your loved ones?

Many are complaining that it is difficult to find a church "home." There is so much heresy now that most people cannot tell the difference between truth and error in any way. So subtle and clever are the deceptions and fake doctrines that they are very hard to explain. Witchcraft, lies of Satan, United Nations' propaganda, humanism and psychology, much more, all vying for prominence in the churches across our land. Few understand what is happening and whom they are following. Servants of Lucifer dressed up in the garb of Christian pastors and leaders lead congregations in 2006. This is the "great falling away" we are encountering, children of God.

Some are saying that it is wrong for anyone to separate from the rampant apostasy in Christendom. "You must have a church to go to so that you can be fed!" This is the strange cry. As though the Bible and the Holy Spirit cannot keep us alive and nourished, but that we have to attend some heretical church in order to be kept spiritually alive! I believe that many Christians, who have been saved for decades, should be out there saving and feeding the lost and needy, not looking for a church to feed them. What are we, baby birds with open mouths? Or are we the called according to His purpose, created unto good works that He has before ordained?

**WHERE DOES IT BEGIN AND END –
THE GREAT FALLING AWAY?**

**Where does it begin and where does it end,
this great apostasy shown in Scripture?**

Where is it shown in Scripture?

What is the order of events really, where is it in the Bible?

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."

The "mystery of iniquity" is shown in 11 Thess. 2:7.

his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." Matthew 24:44-46.

Notice that the Bible calls those who wait and watch and are ready for the Coming of Christ Jesus "**faithful and wise**" servants. They are "**blessed**" because they were found ready and waiting for Him.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

The Bible tells us that we should not let ourselves be so worldly that we are unaware that the Rapture is near. God does not want that day to catch us with our heads in the sand. The section that says, "**that ye may be accounted worthy to escape**" the horrors of the Tribulation has interesting comments. Obviously the Rapture is before the Tribulation happens, how can any one escape if it isn't? Being accounted worthy does not indicate a partial Rapture, as if only it is only those who are living worthy lives, no, we are all saved entirely by Grace, not works, we all will be Raptured who are redeemed. But, God wants us to be living worthy lives so that we will not be ashamed at His coming, thinking what a lax and faithless twit I have been!

**Are you living so that you will account yourself
to have been in some way worthy of such a rescue?**

What is "**surfeiting**"? Luke 21:34. In the Greek it is *kraipale*, (sounds a bit like cripple) or the misery and headache caused by drinking too much, the confusion of being drugged and sick from it. The Bible does not just mean a hangover after drinking wine, I would think, but a kind of "drunken" stupor induced by worldliness. Loving the world can make us heavy-hearted, greedy for material goods, lovers of pleasure, useless and dense!

We were invited to a dinner recently with two other couples. The host and hostess were nice people, but unsaved, so

were the others there. The talk was of pleasure and entertainment seeking, what trip should they take next, how will they get enjoyment out of life. These people are not longer young, yet they still do not think of God and eternity, they want enjoyment and pleasure for the next few years, and do not even think of where they will be for the next ten thousand years plus! They are lovers of pleasure not lovers of God; they are in a worldly fog! God does not want the Rapture to come and find us, His own redeemed, pleasure seeking, leaden eyed and ox-like, or filled with anxiety wondering how we will pay this or that bill, or overwhelmed with the cares of this world.

Who do you live for, God or yourself?

Are you of the world or of God?

"Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 11 Timothy 3: 4, 5.

1 John 2:28 tells us this:

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming."

This very important verse directs us to the **command** "abide in Him" so that we will have "**confidence**" and "**not be ashamed**" when we see Him face-to-face. All of us should want that, to be assured when we meet Christ, and not to be drooping before Him with sad, miserable eyes and the head hanging in shame! If we want this confidence, then we must *abide in Him*. More about this later on.

GOD COMMANDS HIS PEOPLE TO BE READY!

The Second Coming of Christ is the one event that God has commanded us to be looking for!

So how can we be cowards for so doing,

as those who do not believe in the Rapture say we are?

God tells you that you should have "**your loins girded**" and "**your lamps burning**" ready for your Master. Don't be asleep, in other words, be ready. Luke 12:35, 36. A wonderful promise is in verse

not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

**Jesus Christ is coming to slay the lawless one,
Antichrist, the Beast.**

11 Thess. 2:8.

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

Jesus Christ is coming back to establish a universal reign of righteousness and godliness upon this earth.

Isaiah 11: 1-9.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS.

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:3.

"He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Psalm 72: 4-8.

Jesus Christ is coming again to execute judgement upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

Jude 14, 15.

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Jesus Christ is coming to punish the inhabitants of the earth.

Isaiah 26:21.

"For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

Jesus Christ is coming back to render vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

11 Thess. 1:7-9.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey

37, a special blessing to those who are waiting for Him, that those who are not waiting and looking for Him will not have.

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

Notice that the Lord will gird Himself and serve a special meal to those who were watching and waiting for Him to come back! He will honour their diligence, patience and trust. What a thrilling blessing that will be, and I hope to be a part of that by my watching and waiting and obedience to God as I see that Day approaching:

WHAT IS THE MANNER OF HIS COMING?

What does the Bible tell us will be the MANNER of Christ Jesus' Coming?

We all know it says quite a lot, but let us read the wonderful words again. There are various steps and stages of the Coming Again of Christ:

FIRST STAGE: In the air to catch up His believing people.

SECOND STAGE: To the earth. In this latter stage, His saints come with Him.

First stage:

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are ALIVE and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are ALIVE and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever

be with the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.

First stage:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

1 Corinthians 15: 51, 52.

Second stage:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:"

Matthew 25:31, 32.

Second stage:

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:"

11 Thessalonians 2: 7, 8.

Second stage:

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."

Zechariah 14:4, 5.

gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

Matthew 16: 24- 27.

Jesus is talking to His disciples here, not the unsaved world. He is saying that we should deny SELF, that in doing this we find true life. For our souls are far more important to us than the whole world with all its material goods. He will reward those who lay down their lives for Him, who are willing to let Christ Jesus be all in all to them.

Jesus Christ is coming personally to reign as King on earth.

Note the importance of a restored Israel in this prophecy:

Jeremiah 23:5 -8:

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."

Zech. 14:9:

"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."

When Jesus Christ comes again, and only then, will wars cease, peace and plenty will flourish, and the righteous will have control of all the earth. *Not* before He comes, it is impossible for these conditions to be on earth before *Jesus* comes.

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Isaiah 2:4.

with Him, never to depart again. "...and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:17. How much better will this be than seeking to establish a religious-political rule of the churches on earth, in what the Emerging Church sees as "**kingdom now.**" The real Church of the Lord Jesus Christ does not yearn for its own glory on earth in political rule; it yearns for its homecoming in glory through Christ our Lord. After that we shall reign with Christ Jesus on earth, commuting from our home in the New Jerusalem which is as a satellite to the earth. This is the place Jesus Christ has gone away to prepare for His Bride, the Church.

See a description of this "**place**" in Revelation 21: 10-27.

Our Lord is coming again to do something wonderful for us. Be prepared; be grateful for what He will do for you and I. He is coming again to **fashion anew** the body of our humiliation, and to conform our bodies to the body of His glory.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Philippians 3: 20, 21.

This wonder will happen, it is as sure as the fact that Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth! These temporal bodies we are in now wear out, they are subject to all manner of aches, pains, diseases, aging and imperfections. Many of our friends have such bodily trials, arthritis, partial blindness, heart problems, cancers, foot and leg complaints, irritating skin rashes and unbearable pain. Soon, so very soon, it will all be over, beloved ones. Our bodies will be beyond anything this world has seen. The beauty, strength, health unspeakable, miraculous abilities and delightfulness of our new bodies will soon be ours – how merciful and loving our God is. Jesus Christ is coming again to fashion our bodies into new glorious bodies, like His.

Jesus Christ is coming again to judge the deeds of His redeemed people.

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall

We, His glorified saints, shall come with Him at the **SECOND STAGE:**

"To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.: 1 Thess. 3:13.

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:4.

WHAT AN EVENT IT WILL BE!

Jesus Christ is coming again with great publicity and fanfare. Even the Rapture will be a world-shattering event. A "secret Rapture" is not really true. We will not just disappear and the unsaved will wonder what happened, all occurring in secret, and in silence so to speak.

The Rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 shows a mighty shout from the Lord, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God. Then all the dead in Christ rising from their graves. Hardly a secret Rapture, it will be a major event on earth! Every unsaved person will be shocked by the Rapture! They will know all right! Those who have been warned about the event, maybe some of your own relatives who have been informed but do not believe the Bible, they will know what has happened and will grieve and wail no doubt!

The Second Coming in Revelation 1:7 – Matthew 24:26, 27, 30 will be a Divine occasion beyond all else, stupendous past our imagining.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.:" Revelation 1:7.

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be....Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear

the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Matthew 24: 26, 27, 30.

We see no "secret chambers," or wilderness appearances of Christ way out in the desert. Christ Jesus will make His appearance in the Second Coming like a massive shock of lightning across the whole heavens, the sun is darkened, the moon does not give light, the stars are falling, the powers of heaven are shaken – and the Son of man comes back to this rebellious, fiendish earth!

What does "coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" really mean? It is more than just a few clouds in the sky.

JEHOVAH came in the clouds, therefore Jesus Christ coming in the clouds shows He is coming as the Divine One in Divine glory.

A study of the "clouds" of Divinity reveals the glory and might of these clouds that Jesus Christ will return in.

This Divine One shall come in the glory of His Father – and He shall reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16:27.

Note the CLOUD and CLOUDS in the following passages.

Exodus 19:9:

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD."

Exodus 34: 4, 5:

"And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD."

Psalm 97: 1-6.

"The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire

goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory."

Psalm 104: 1-3.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:"

Isaiah 19:1:

"...Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it."

Matthew 17: 4, 5:

"Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

WHY IS JESUS CHRIST COMING AGAIN?

There are many reasons given in Scripture as to WHY Christ Jesus is coming back to this earth. Here are just a few of them:

Jesus Christ is coming again to receive His own Blood-bought people unto Himself. He wants us to be with Him where He is.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:3.

Here is the culmination of all we have hoped for through many difficult, blessed, trying years – Jesus coming to take us home