

What Will Christ Find on Earth?

Introduction and Review

- Last week – Christ will return: suddenly, unexpectedly, visibly, bodily & personally (1Th. 4:16).
 - Christ will return in/with divine glory & for His saints (Mt. 16:27; Jn. 14:3).
 - Earth is where Jesus came the first time & will return – no other planet or destination.
 - Earth: Garden of Eden, Adam & Eve, sin, Satan, flood, Abraham, etc.
- I. Life Since Christ Ascended (Ac. 1:10-11)

A. In the world

History: Rome...France, Russia, UK, Japan, China & US. A biblical description of the nations: (Pr. 14:34; Eccl. 3:8; Mt. 24:6-7; Ps. 22:28). Modern society has redefined marriage & gender, legalized murder (abortion, euthanasia), drugs, gambling, accepted idolatry & immorality, unrest, rioting, coup d'état, lawlessness, etc. Statistics: Wars (1290), Murder (520K – 2010), Same-sex marriages (NA/SA), Abortions (1.3B – 1980), Terrorism, Genocide, etc. Biblical descriptions: (Mt. 24:12; Rom. 1:21-32; 2Tim. 3:1-4).

B. In the church

Growth: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria...Europe, Africa, Asia, NA, SA, etc. (Ac. 1:8). History: Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, etc. – 34,000 denominations (Jude 3). Error crept in: deception, false teaching, heresy, etc. – greed, jealousy, strife, arrogance, bitterness, fighting, immorality, worldliness... (Jude 4; 2Pe. 2:1-3; 1Tim. 4:1-2; 2Tim. 4:3-4).

Life in the world & church has changed radically since Christ ascended.

II. Life When Christ Returns (Lk. 18:7-8)

A. In the world

Sinners will be unprepared & surprised (Mt. 24:37-39). The unconverted will continue in their sin until the end (2Pe. 3:3-7).

B. Among the saints

Prayer is essential for perseverance during times of prolonged injustice & troubles (Lk. 18:1). God most assuredly hears the prayers of the saints for righteousness on the earth (Lk. 18:7a). At His return, Christ will set all things right (Lk. 18:7b-8a; Rom. 12:17-19). True believers must & will persevere in prayer, ministry & obedience to Christ until He returns (Lk. 18:8b; 21:34-36; Mt. 24:13; 25:21).

With prayer the saint will persevere in obedience to Christ until the end!