

The believer's righteousness is equal to and described as **the same as Jesus's**.

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the **Ancient of days** (Jesus) did sit, whose garment was **WHITE** as **SNOW**, and the hair of his head like the **pure wool**: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: [a] thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." (Dan 7:9–10)

"**And I saw** the dead, small, and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is **the book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works —And whosoever was not found written in **the book of life** was thrown into the lake of fire." (Rev 20:12, 15)

"He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in **WHITE** raiment; and **I will not blot** out his name out of the **book of life**, but **I will confess** his name before my Father and before his angels." (Rev 3:5)

His countenance was like **lightning**, and



His raiment **white** as **snow**. (Matt 28:3)

"His raiment became shining, exceeding **WHITE** as snow; so, as no fuller on earth can **WHITE** them." (Mark 9:3)

JESUS, "Behold, I say to you, 'Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are **WHITE** already to harvest.'" (John 4:35)

"Look! A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **WHITE** robes —And cried with a loud voice, saying, **Salvation to our God** which sits on the throne, **and to the Lamb**. What are these which are arrayed in **WHITE** robes? And from where came they? These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them **WHITE** in the **blood of the Lamb**." (Rev 7:9–10, 13–14)

JESUS, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the ending, says the Lord, which is, and which **was**, and which is **to Come**, the Almighty." (Rev 1:8)

"And the Spirit and the bride say, **COME**. And let him that hears say, **COME**. And let him that is thirsty **COME**. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev 22:17)

"He which testifies these things says, **SURELY, I COME** quickly. Amen. Even so, **COME**, Lord Jesus." (Rev 22:20)

Westgerdes, The Tribulation Period is the Seven Year Period preceding Jesus's Second **Coming**. After Jesus's return he will establish his reign on the earth for a Thousand Years during which Satan shall be chained in the bottomless pit.

"**And I saw** an angel come down from heaven, having the **key to the bottomless pit** and a **great chain** in his hand. And he laid hold on the **dragon**, that **old serpent**, which is the **Devil, and Satan**, and bound him a **thousand years**, **And thrust him** into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the **thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." (Rev 20:1–3)

Westgerdes, After the Thousand Years Satan will be released and he will gather his followers in the final great battle to defeat Jesus, Jesus will destroy Satan and his followers in this final Victory. This Victory will be followed by Jesus's destruction of the current heavens and earth and the creation of a **NEW EARTH** and a **NEW HEAVEN** in which righteousness will reign. (Rev 20–22)

Westgerdes, About the RAPTURE, what is it? It is when Jesus calls up his saints, both dead and alive, to join him in the air. In relation to the Seven Year Tribulation period. There are three views, the rapture will be:

1. Before —To escape God's wrath* (1 Thess 4:13–5:11). **2. Middle** —When the Anti-Christ sets himself up to be worshiped in the newly rebuilt Jewish Temple. **3. After** —at Jesus's 2nd **Coming**.

About the Millennial views concerning Jesus's thousand-year reign.

"AMILLENNIALISTS see it as a spiritual reign in heaven —**we are currently in the millennium**. Amillennialism is not new —by the time of Augustine, it had become the dominant view of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and many Protestants. And it was the view of the reformers, including Calvin and Luther." —Ed Jarrett,

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-amillennialism.html>

Westgerdes, this is significant because those, or some, who believe this view are looking for Christ return as the world gets more peaceful and united thus, they may be deceived into accepting a false Christ, and ultimately, the Anti-Christ. (**1 Thess 5:3**)

Concerning Jesus's 2nd Coming

"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." (Heb 9:28)

"**For if we** believe that Jesus ***died** and ***rose** again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus [**GW** – died after they believed in Jesus.] will God bring with him. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain to the **Coming** of the Lord shall not precede 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thess 4:14–18)

Jesus: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye **believe** in God, **believe** also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: [**GW** – Jesus isn't waiting for us to prepare the earth for him.]

"**If it were** not so, I would have told you.

"**I go to prepare a place for you**. 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. And which way I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas says unto him, 'Lord, we know not which way you go; and how can we know the way?' Jesus says unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life:

No man comes unto the Father but by me —If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:1–6, 15)

Jesus: "And take heed to yourselves, and fear that at any time your hearts be overcharged with consuming too much, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day **Come** upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all of 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)

Jesus: "Watch therefore: **For ye** know not what hour your Lord does **Come**.

"**But know this**, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore, be ye also ready: For

In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man **Comes**." (Matt. 24:42–44)

"**For the** grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for that **Blessed Hope**, and the **glorious Appearing of the great God** and **our Savior Jesus Christ**. Who gave,

Himself for us, that he might **redeem** us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of **good works**." (Titus 2:11–14)

Jesus: "And, behold, **I Come** Quickly. *And,*

My reward is with me, to give every man according as his **work** shall be.

"**I am** Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end, the first and the last. **Blessed**,

Are they that do his commandments, that they may have [the] **right to the Tree of Life** and **may enter** in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:12–14)

"**His lord** said unto him, 'Well done, you good faithful servant —enter you into the **JOY** of your lord' —The **redeemed** of the **LORD** shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting **JOY** shall be upon their head —and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." (Matt. 25:21; Isa. 51:11)

Amen! What a wonderful day!

Eternal Life, Joy, Love & Holiness



JESUS'S 1ST COMING With Gifts of Forgiveness and Everlasting Life

JESUS'S 2ND COMING

To Destroy Evil and Establish His Kingdom of Righteousness

Gospel of John Jesus: "**Let not your heart be troubled**: ye believe in God, **believe** also **in me**. (**2nd**) In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you**. 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 14:1–3) **Acts (2nd)** "The apostles who he had chosen ... were come together, they asked of him, saying, 'Lord, will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?' And he said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power' —(**2nd**) And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus**, which is **Taken Up** from you into heaven, **shall so Come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.'" (Acts 1:2, 6–7, 10–11) (**2nd**) "And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, says God, '**I will pour out from my Spirit** upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out** in those days **of my Spirit**; And they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire, and vapor of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon, into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord **Come**: And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved**.'" (Acts 2:17–21) (**2nd**) And he shall send **Jesus Christ**, which before was **preached to you**: Who the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:20–21)

1 Corinthians "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you (**1st**) the ***gospel** —For I delivered to you **first of all** that which I also received, how that **Christ *died for our sins** according to the scriptures, and that **he was *buried**, and that **he *rose again** the third day according to the scriptures —For as **in Adam all die**, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive** —Christ the first fruits; (**2nd**) afterward they that are **Christ's at his coming**. Then comes **the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For **he must reign**, until he has put all enemies under his feet. The **last enemy** that shall be destroyed is **death** —The **first man is of the earth**, earthy: the **second man is the Lord from heaven** —And as **we have borne** the image of **the earthy**, **we shall also bear** the image of **the heavenly** —*flesh and blood* cannot inherit the kingdom of God ... Behold, I show you a **mystery**; We shall not all 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**. For this corruptible [which can die] must **put on incorruption**, and this mortal must **put on immortality**. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "**Death Is Swallowed Up in Victory**." [Isaiah 25:8] '**O death**, where is your sting? **O grave**, where is your victory?' The **sting of death is sin**; and the **strength of sin is the law**. But **thanks be to God**, which gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**. Therefore, ... be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labor is not in vain in the Lord**." (1 Cor. 15:1, 3, 4, 22-26, 47, 49–58)

2 Corinthians (2nd) Grace be to you **and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ**. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of mercies**, and the **God of all comfort**, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort where with we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so **our consolation also abounds by Christ** —For **our rejoicing** is this, **the testimony of our conscience**, that **in simplicity** and **godly sincerity**, not with fleshly wisdom, but **by the grace of God**, we have had our **fellowship of life** in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. For we write none other things to you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours **in the day of the Lord Jesus**." (2 Cor. 1:2-5, 12–14) (**2nd**) "Now **thanks be to God**, which always **causes us to triumph in Christ** ... For **we are to God a sweet smell from Christ, in them that are saved**, and **in them that perish**: To the one *we are* the **smell from death unto death**; and to the other **the smell from life unto life** —For **we are not** as many, **which corrupt the word of God**: but **as of sincerity**, but **as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ**." (2 Cor. 2:14-17) (**2nd**) "We know that if our earthly house [our body] of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God**, a house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens**. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with **our house which is from heaven**." (2 Cor. 5:1–2) (**2nd**) "But **I fear**, that somehow, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his slyness, so **your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ**. For if **he that comes preaches another Jesus**, who we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him —For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers**, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for **Satan** himself is transformed into an **angel of light**. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Cor 11:3–4, 13–15)

Philippians (1st) “And being found in the fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore, **(2nd)** God also has highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus **every knee** should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; and *that every tongue* should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **(Phil 2:8–11) (2nd)** “Our **citizenship is in heaven**; from which also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our **vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his **glorious body.**” **(Phil 3:20–21) Colossians (2nd)** “If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek** those things which are **above**, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your **affection** on **heavenly** things, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your **life** is hidden **with Christ** in God. **When Christ, who is our life, shall Appear**, then shall **ye also Appear with Him in glory.**” **(Col 3:1–4) 1 Thessalonians** “Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; **(2nd)** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he ***raised** from the dead, even **(1st)** Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” **(1 Thess 1:9, 10) (2nd)** “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of **our Lord Jesus Christ at his Coming?** For ye are our glory and joy.” **(1 Thess 2:4-6, 9, 19, 20) (2nd)** “And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all his saints.” **(1 Thess 3:12, 13) (2nd)** “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them (the brethren) which are dead, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus ***died** and ***rose** again, even so them also which die in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that **we which are alive and remain unto the Coming of the Lord** shall not precede them which are dead. 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. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.” **(1 Thess 4:13-18) (2nd)** “But of the times and the seasons brethren, ye have no need that I write to you. For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so Comes as a thief in the night.** For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch and be sober.** For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunk are drunk in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the **breastplate of faith and love**, and for a **helmet, the hope of salvation.** **(1st)** For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to **obtain salvation** by our Lord Jesus Christ, who ***died** for us, that, whether we watch or die, we should live together with him. Wherefore, comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do ... **Prove** all things; **hold fast** that which is good. **Abstain** from all appearances of evil. And the very **God of peace** sanctify you wholly; and **(2nd)** I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto **the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.** **Faithful** is he that calls you, who **will do** it—I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be **read** to all the holy brethren.” **(1 Thess 5:1-11, 21-24, 27)**

Jesus is Coming for his Church.

“BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMES!”

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“Those who live in the modern western world do not catch the full significance of Jesus’s promise [in John 14:1–3 that he would go to his Father’s house to prepare a place for them, and then **Come** back and receive them to Himself.] **This is due to the fact in his promise Jesus was** drawing an analogy from Jewish **marriage** customs in biblical times.

By Jesus’s time, it was usual for [a marriage] covenant to be established as result of the prospective **bridegroom** taking the initiative. [He] would travel from his father’s house to the home of the prospective **bride**. There would negotiate with the father of the young woman to determine the price (mohar) that he must pay to purchase his **bride**. Once the bridegroom paid the purchase price, the **marriage** [and betrothal] covenant was thereby established, and the young man and woman were regarded to be **husband** and **wife**. From that moment on the **bride** was declared to be consecrated or sanctified, set apart exclusively for her **bridegroom**. **[T]he groom would leave the home of the bride** and return to his father’s house. There he would remain separate from his **bride** for a period of twelve months. This period of separation afforded the bride time to gather her trousseau and to prepare for married life. The **groom** occupied himself with the preparation of living accommodations in his father’s house to which he could bring his **bride**. **At the end of the period of separation, the groom would Come** to take his **bride** to live with him. The taking of the **bride** usually took place at night. The **groom**, best man, and other male escorts would leave the **groom’s** father’s house and conduct a torchlight procession to the home of the bride. Although the **bride** was expecting her groom to **Come** for her, she did not know the exact time of his **Coming**. As a result, the **groom’s** arrival would be preceded by a shout. This shout would forewarn the **bride** to be prepared for the **Coming** of the **groom**. **Shortly after arrival [at the groom’s father’s house], the bride and groom** would be escorted by the other members of the wedding party to the **bridal chamber** (huppah). Prior to entering the chamber, the **bride** remained veiled so that no one could see her face. There in the privacy of [the **bridal chamber, the bride and groom**] would enter into physical union for the first time, thereby consuming the **marriage** that had been covenanted earlier. **After the marriage was consummated, the groom** would announce the consummation to the other members of the **wedding** party waiting outside the chamber “**He that has the bride is the bridegroom:** but the friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the **bridegroom’s voice.**” **(John 3:29) Upon receiving this good news, the wedding guests** would feast and make merry for the next **seven** days. During the **seven** days of the **wedding** festivities, which were sometimes called “**seven** days of the huppah,” the **bride** remained hidden in the **bridal chamber**. At the conclusion of these seven days, the **groom** would bring his **bride** out of the **bridal chamber**, now with her veil removed, so that all could see who his **bride** was. **In the examination of the analogy [of Jesus’s promise to His disciples],** the first thing that should be noted is the fact that the Scriptures regard the **Church** to be the **Bride of Christ.**” **The remainder of the article can be read at the following link.**

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2 Thessalonians (2nd) 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, **(1st)** and that obey 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; **(2nd)** When **he shall Come to be glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe.” **(2 Thess 1:7—10) (2nd)** “Now we beseech you, brethren, by **the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and by **our gathering together to him**, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means; for **that day shall not Come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what restrains, that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity does already work only **he who now allows will allow, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked [one] be revealed,** who the **Lord shall consume** with the spirit of his mouth, and shall **destroy** with the brightness of his **Coming:**

Even him, who’s coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **(1st)** because **they received not** the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **(2nd)** And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion,** that they should believe a lie: **(1st) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through **sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:** Whereunto he **called you by our *gospel.**” **(2 Thess 2:1-14) [Read: John 3:3–7; 14–21. GW-Each individual has a free will to decide.]**

2 Timothy (2nd) In the last days, perilous times shall come. For men will be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, no self-control, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 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.” **(2 Tim 3:1-5) (2nd)** “I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead **at his Appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word;** be instant in season, [and] out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For **the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and **they shall turn away their ears from the truth,** and shall be turned unto fables.”

“Dear Gary Westgerdes, Dec 19, 2023, Gleaned from an email.

My name is **Michael Gorre**, and I am reaching out to you on behalf of **America Needs Fatima**, an organization dedicated to spreading the message of Fatima and, more specifically, **the power of the Holy Rosary.** As you may have heard from **Mr. Robert Ritchie**, the director of America Needs Fatima, our mission is to cover our immense nation with the Rosary. **We firmly believe** that, in these challenging times, **the Rosary is the answer** to the moral troubles facing America. Do you believe this as well? Our Blessed Mother, through her six apparitions at Fatima, has consistently emphasized the importance of praying **the Rosary** as a **solution** to the challenges our nation faces. **I am reaching out to you today** because we cannot carry out this important work alone. —In October, with the help of generous supporters, we organized an impressive 22,045 **Rosary** rallies throughout America. Our goal for 2024

is even more ambitious at 23,000 **Rosaries**, but we aspire to reach 100,000 **Rosaries** in the future. This is where your support becomes crucial. **Today, we are looking** for additional individuals to not only pray for us but also support **Our Lady’s message** with a small donation of \$10, \$25, or \$50. Your contribution today can make a significant impact to help cover America with the **Rosary** in 2024. **Do you believe Our Lady’s intervention can save our country from sin, violence, and spiritual destruction?** If so, please consider making a gift today that will **help transform America through the power** of the **Rosary.** To make your gift now, simply click the secure donation page link I’ve included below: **<https://secure.americaneedsfatima.org/year-end-2023>**

Thank you for your time and consideration. May **Our Lord and Our Lady** bless you and watch over you always. **Yours in Her Immaculate Heart,** Michael Gorre, Project Manager; **America Needs Fatima—P.S.** —**We firmly believe that through the Rosary,** America will experience conversion, and your support can help make this belief a reality. Will you join us in this noble cause to **call upon Mary’s intercession to save us** in these desperate times? Your support, no matter how small, is invaluable in our efforts to **cover America with the Rosary.**”

But watch you in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for **me** a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give **me** at that day: and **not to me only,** but also **to all of them that love his Appearing.**” **(2 Tim 4:1-8)**

Titus (2nd) Looking for that **blessed hope,** and the **glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ,** who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all sin.” **(Titus 2:13-14) Hebrews** “Consider the Apostle and High priest of our profession, **(2nd)** Christ Jesus —A son over **his own house;** whose house **we are,** if we **hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the **hope firm to the end** —Take heed, brethren, for fear that there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily ... for fear that any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ if we **hold** the beginning of our confidence **steadfast to the end.**” **(Heb 3:1, 6, 12-14) (2nd)** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,** as the manner of some is but exhorting one another: and so much the more, **as ye see the day approaching.**” **(Heb 10:24–25) (2nd)** “For here have we no continuing city, but **we seek one to come.** By him ... let us offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God continually ... the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” **(Heb 13:14–15) James (2nd)** “Come now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver are cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. **Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.** Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields ... **kept back by fraud,** cries: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. **Ye have lived in pleasure** on the earth and been immoral and wasteful; **ye have nourished your hearts,** as in a day of slaughter. **Ye have condemned and killed the just;** and he does not resist you. Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto **the coming of the Lord.** Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and **has long patience** for it, until he receives the early and latter rains. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for **the coming of the Lord draws near.**” **(James 5:1–8) 1 Peter (2nd)** “An inheritance incorruptible (pure, sound, just, upright) and **undefiled,** and that **fades not away, reserved** in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through **faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in **the last time.**” **(1 Pet 1:4–5) (2nd)** “The end of all things is at hand be ye therefore **sober and watch** unto prayer. And above all things have fervent **charity** among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use **hospitality** one to another without grudging. As every man has received the gift, *even so minister* the same one to another, as good **stewards** of the manifold grace of God. If any man **speak, let him** speak as the oracles of God; if any man **minister,** let him do it as **of the ability which God gives: That God** in all things **may be glorified through Jesus Christ,** to who be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” **(1 Pet 4:7–11) (2nd)** “The elders—I exhort—Feed the flock of God, which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over *God’s* heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when **the Chief Shepherd shall appear,** ye shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away —But the God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory by **Christ Jesus,** after that ye have suffered a while, [will] make you perfect, established, strengthened, [and] settle you. **To him be glory** and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” **(1 Pet 5:1–4, 10–11) Revelation (2nd) God’s Family.** “9 After this I beheld, and, Look!, a **great multitude, which no man could number,** of all nations, and kinds, andreds, and white, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes,** and palms in their hands; **10** And cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘**Salvation to our God** which sits on the throne, **and to the Lamb.’ 11** And all the angels stood around the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and **fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12** Saying, ‘Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.’ **13** And one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘**Who are these that are arrayed in white robes?** And from which place came they?’ **14** And I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘**These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’ (Rev 7:9–17)**

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Will we remember our earthly lives when we are in Heaven?

Answer

“**Isaiah 65:17** says, “**For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.**”

Some interpret Isaiah 65:17 as saying that we will have no memory of our earthly lives in heaven.

“**However**, one verse earlier in **Isaiah 65:16**, the Bible says, “For the past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my eyes.”

It is likely only our “past troubles” will be forgotten, not all of our memories.

“**Our memories will eventually be cleansed**, redeemed, healed, and restored, not erased. There is no reason why we could not possess many memories from our earthly lives.

The memories that will be cleansed are the ones that involve sin, pain, and sadness. **Revelation 21:4** declares, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

“**The fact that the former things will not come to mind** does not mean that our memories will be wiped clean. The prophecy could be suggesting the wondrous quality of our new environment. The new earth will be so spectacular, so mind-blowing, that everyone will quite forget the drudgery and sin of the current earth. A child who is scared of the shadows in his room at night completely forgets his nocturnal fear the next day on the playground. It’s not that the memories have been wiped out, only that, in the sunshine, they don’t come to mind. **Also, it’s important to make a distinction between** the eternal state and the current heaven. **When a believer dies**, he or she goes to heaven, but that is not our final destination.

“**The Bible speaks of** ‘a new heaven and a new earth’ as our eternal, permanent home. Both passages quoted above (**Isaiah 65:17** and **Revelation 21:1**) refer to the eternal state, not the current heaven. The promise of wiping away every tear does not come until after the tribulation, after the final judgment, and after the re-creation of the universe. **In his apocalyptic vision, John sees sorrow** in heaven:

I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, ‘How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?’ (**Revelation 6:9–10**).

“**John is obviously** in heaven (Revelation 4:1–2), and he sees and hears those who **obviously remember** the injustice done to them. Their loud calls for vengeance indicate that,

In the current heaven, we will remember our lives on earth, including the bad things. The current heaven of Revelation 6 is temporary, though, giving way to the eternal state in Revelation 21.

“**The story of Lazarus and the rich man** (Luke 16:19–31) is further proof that **the dead** remember their earthly lives. **The rich man** in Hades asks Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man’s brothers of the fate awaiting the unrighteous (verses 27–28). **The rich man** obviously remembers his relatives. He also remembers his own life of self-serving and sinful comfort (verse 25). The memories of **the rich man** in Sheol become part of his misery. The story does not mention whether or not **Lazarus** has memories, but **Abraham** has definite knowledge of goings-on on earth (verse 25). It’s not until **we** reach the eternal state that **the righteous** will leave all sorrow behind.”

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Jesus – 2nd Coming



For as the lightning comes out of the east and shines even to the west; so, shall also the Coming of the Son of man be.” (Matt 24:27)

“For there shall arise **FALSE CHRISTS**, and **FALSE PROPHETS**, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect** —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.” (Matt 24:24, 29–30)**

Jesus is speaking to the Apostles before he ascends into heaven to sit at God the Father’s right hand.

“**But ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall **be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was **Taken Up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in **WHITE** apparel; Which also said, ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same **JESUS**, which is **Taken Up** from you into heaven, shall so **Come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.’” (**Acts 1:8–11**)

*Apostle John is now speaking to us About Jesus’s second **Coming** as Jesus descends from heaven.*

“**And I saw heaven opened** and behold a **WHITE** horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he does judge and make war ... And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon **WHITE** horses, clothed in fine linen, **WHITE** and clean —And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should kill the nations ... And he has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Rev 19:11, 14–16)**

“**“Come now, and let us reason together,**’ says the LORD:

‘Though your *sins be as scarlet*, they shall be as **WHITE** as **SNOW**; though they *be red like crimson*, they shall be as wool.’” (**Isa 1:18**)

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