



# 1 | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

## THE LAST TRUMPET

*Are You Ready for Christ to Come Again?*

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## Announcements

1. **Welcome Visitors**
2. **PRAY DUPAGE:** You are invited to join local believers at the Year End Prayer & Worship Gathering tonight at Fellowship Church in Carol Stream at 6pm (130 Shawnee Drive, Carol Stream).
3. **CROSSROADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY:** We are in need of one or two volunteers for our Crossroads After School Program starting in January on Thursdays from 2-4pm. Please contact Pastor Mike or Emily if you are able to help.
4. **ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING:** All ministry leaders, elders, and deacons mark your calendars for our Annual Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 11 from 9am-noon (lunch will be provided).
5. **MARCH FOR LIFE: (Cheryl L to announce).** Come join us for March for Life in Chicago on January 11. The cost is free, and there is a bus departing from College Church in Wheaton at 11am and returning at 5pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Final registration is due today.

### Introduction

Our message today is from 1 Corinthians 15 on page 962 of your pew Bible. The title of our message today is “The Last Trumpet”.

Can you believe that 2019 is about gone? We are about to enter into a new decade, into the 2020s. But we may not even get there. Before the end of the year, or even before the end of this service, Christ could come again! Wouldn't that be amazing!

Sometimes this life is so hard and painful. The trials don't stop. The body keeps aching. The heart at times is so heavy it seems like it's going to burst.

We have a glorious promise in Scripture. The last trumpet will sound, and Christ will bring righteousness on the earth.

This world is not our home. We're just a passin' through.

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself (Phil 3:20-21).

I can't wait for that moment. Paul describes it again in 1 Thessalonians 4.

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words (1 Thess 4:16-18).

How's it going to happen. It was a mystery until the Holy Spirit through Paul uncovered it. Look over at 1 Corinthians 15:51.

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## 1. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S COMING (15:51)

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The apostle Paul says,

15:51-52 | Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

### AN UNCOVERED MYSTERY

Have you ever been gazing at the beautiful sun in the sky with the rays coming through the clouds, wondering if Jesus is coming today? He could come at this moment. For the Christian, the Second Coming of Christ is a great encouragement. But to the Old Testament saint, it was a mystery. In the New Testament, when Paul says there is a mystery, he's uncovering something that was not as clear as it could be to Old Testament saints. They knew he was coming, but they didn't know how. That was a mystery that Paul uncovers for us.

Daniel didn't know about the manner of it – it's only revealed in the New Testament. Abraham didn't know about it. Jacob didn't know about it. Moses didn't know about it. Isaiah and Ezekiel didn't know about it. The angels didn't know about it. It was a mystery.

You say, how in the world are we who are alive going to know when Christ comes? Isn't he coming to destroy the world? Yes, he is, but don't worry child of God, you are his. You belong to him. No hurt or harm or condemnation will come to you.

Now notice how this begins in verse 51. Behold, I show you a mystery. When he says, "**Behold**," that means pay attention. This is important. Paul is going to let us in on a sacred secret. Did you know that the **manner** of Christ's Second Coming was a mystery to all of the Old Testament saints? The word **mystery** comes from the Greek word *mysterion*. It means something kept secret. People could never have worked out for themselves what would happen at the second coming, but God has revealed it.<sup>1</sup>

Paul tells them a secret, a **mystery**, *i.e.* something that previously in human history had not been known but has been revealed to God's servant (*cf* 1 Cor 4:1). Not all of God's people will sleep in death, but it is absolutely certain that all shall be transformed.<sup>2</sup>

Some believers will not yet have died when Christ returns. How will they step into eternity if they are still in their sin-stained "natural" bodies? Behold the mystery: there will be a transformation of all the bodies of the believers that are still living on the earth when Christ returns. That's what's been revealed.

### AN ENCOURAGING MYSTERY

Now it's encouraging to see this mystery uncovered. We as God's children are not destined for wrath. "There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom 8:1).

<sup>1</sup> Leon Morris, *1 Corinthians: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 7, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1985), 221.

<sup>2</sup> Bruce Winter, "1 Corinthians," in *New Bible Commentary: 21st Century Edition*, ed. D. A. Carson et al., 4th ed. (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1994), 1185.

Now the Old Testament saints knew there was going to be a resurrection of the dead, but they didn't know there was going to be a transformation when believers are caught up with the Lord in the air. "We shall all be changed" (15:51). That's the mystery uncovered. Those who are alive will be changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed" (15:52).

What is this mystery that was revealed to the apostle Paul, and to us? One of these days, there is going to be a sudden **Exodus**. One of these days quickly, so quick it's like the twinkling of an eye, in a flash, millions of people are going to be instantaneously and simultaneously caught up to meet the Lord in the air. And immediately the judgment will begin. We will be a part of that judgment.

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? (1 Cor 6:2).

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all" (Jude 1:14-15).

Those who are not in Christ will be judged. Unbelievers will cry out for the rocks to hide them. But to us, it is an encouraging mystery. We shall be protected from the wrath of God. We shall be hidden in Jesus from his wrath.

### A MYSTERY TO THOSE LIVING TODAY

Paul is uncovering a mystery for us. It was a mystery to the Old Testament prophets, but you know the sad thing is dear saints, it's a mystery to many people living today. I mean it's sad this sacred secret has been revealed, and even God's people get distracted with worldly things. The apostle Paul says, "Behold, I show you a mystery." It's something that was once hidden, but it has now been revealed.

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## 2. THE MOMENT OF CHRIST'S COMING (15:52)

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The moment of Christ's return will be so sudden. It will be instantaneous.

### A SUDDEN MOMENT

When Christ comes, it will be sudden, "in the **twinkling of an eye**".

In a blink. In a flash. That's it. Game over. World ends. There won't be newspapers reporting on it. They won't have time.

Learn this about the second coming of Jesus Christ. There is no sign that has to come, no prophecy that has to be fulfilled before Jesus comes. Jesus could have come in Paul's time when he wrote First Corinthians chapter 15. He could come at any moment.

One thing is clear: The Second Coming of Christ will occur like a blink of the eye.

15:52 | ...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

I'm told that the blinking of the eye is the fastest, the quickest movement of the human body. Life passes by that quickly doesn't it? Like the blink of an eye. Like a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away. Life is like a flash and the **blink of an eye**. The apostle Paul used that to illustrate the most exciting thing that's going to happen, and when it happens, it will happen so quickly, so suddenly. It'll happen in the twinkling of an eye, just that quickly. Jesus Christ will burst through the sky in glory and come back for his own.

People spend their whole life amassing wealth and fame and power, but you know when Christ comes, it's all worthless.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. -C.T. Studd

Now if you don't realize that, dear saints, if all you're living for is this world, you're like a person who wants to be a cruise director on the Titanic. I am telling you that this is not all there is, and we are looking forward to the greatest event of the ages.

Christ can return at any moment. You might ask, Pastor Matt, aren't there signs of Christ's coming? Yes, and they've been present and ever increasing since Christ rose from the dead, so that there is nothing at any moment holding Christ's return at any time.

### A LONGED-FOR MOMENT

Christ is coming...

15:52 | ...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

And what a longed-for moment that will be! The pain of this life will soon be over. The signs of his coming are all around us. There have been **wars and rumors of wars**. There has been vast **persecution**. There are **false christ**s and **false saviors** every day. There are **natural disasters** occurring. These are the signs of the times that haven't been occurring and increasing since the days of the apostles. They had every reason to believe he would return then, and we have even more reason to believe he will return now. Jesus said,

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near (Lk 21:38).

There will be a new heaven and a new earth!

### A FINAL MOMENT

Look again at our verses 51 and 52. Christ comes at the "**last trumpet**" (15:52).

15:51-52 | Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

I was reading just a little while ago about the ads for the Super Bowl. Do you know how much these people are paying for thirty seconds to advertise in the Super Bowl for 2020? You won't believe this unless you already knew it. It costs \$5 million dollars for 30 seconds on Superbowl Sunday. That's \$166,000 dollars a second. Now when they were asked why do you pay that much money? One of them said, "It's the event of the year."

Dear saint, the coming of Jesus is the event of the ages, and you won't be able to buy thirty seconds for all the money in the world. When Jesus returns, you won't be able to say, "I want thirty more seconds." He's coming in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. It's the last trumpet. It's the final moment. There's no more mercy. God says, "Time is up." Game over. Repent before it's too late.

You might say, "Well, I don't think he's coming today." That's a good sign that he might.

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Mt 24:44).

Don't be looking for signs. The signs of his coming began when Christ arose. They've been getting more and more intense. You don't need to be looking for signs. You need to be **listening for the shout**. He's coming in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

That moment is longed for! We shall be changed! The whole creation groans for that moment when Christ appears (Rom 8:22-24). <sup>2</sup> Peter tells us, "the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed." <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God... <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet 3:10-13).

Be ready! It could happen at any time!

#### ILLUSTRATION: MESSY DESK

Some little girls were in school, and they were talking. One of them had a notoriously messy desk. She'd shove things under her desk. And the other little girls said "You know if I were you, I'd clean up my desk. I understand the principal is going to visit our classroom today." And she said, "Well, I'll clean it up next week."

And the other little girl said, "Well, but what if he comes today." The little girl said, "Well, I'll clean it up this afternoon."

And the other little girl said, "What if he comes this morning." She said, "You know, I think I'll clean it up now and keep it clean."

Now that's the way the Christian lives. We live as if Jesus could come at any moment.

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### 3. THE MIRACLE OF CHRIST'S COMING (15:52-57)

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#### THE MIRACLE OF CHRIST'S APPEARING

15:51-52 | Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

The trumpet will sound, and we will see Jesus. For the saints, it will be glorious. Sam Storms describes it:

Jesus will come bathed in radiant splendor, enveloped within an atmosphere of indescribable brilliance, surrounded by the ear-piercing praise of angels and saints. Scintillating light shining from his eyes. Irresistible power pouring from his hands. None will deny his beauty or escape its transforming energy.<sup>3</sup> -Sam Storms

Christ is the Lion! Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord. John describes the glory of Christ at his second coming well in Revelation 1.

I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades (Rev 1:12-18).

What will it be like to see Jesus? J.C.Ryle said this:

The second coming of Christ shall be utterly unlike the first. He came the first time in weakness, a tender infant, born of a poor woman in the manger at Bethlehem, unnoticed, unhonored, and scarcely known. He shall come the second time in royal dignity, with the armies of heaven around Him, to be known, recognized and feared, by all the tribes of the earth. He came the first time to suffer – to bear our sins, to be reckoned a curse, to be despised, rejected, unjustly condemned and slain. He shall come the second time to reign – to put down every enemy beneath His feet, to take the kingdom of this world for His inheritance, to rule them with righteousness, to judge all men and to live forevermore. How vast the difference! How mighty the contrast!<sup>4</sup>

Do you realize that it is quite possible that many of you will never see death?

### **THE HORROR OF THE LOST**

The lost on the earth will be so frightened, they will beg the rocks of the earth to fall on them. John's description of the Second Coming for the lost is bone chilling:

<sup>3</sup> Sam Storms. *One Thing* (Fearn, UK: Christian Focus, 2004), 187.

<sup>4</sup> J.C. Ryle. *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels* (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1879), 286.

There was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup> The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. <sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” (Rev 6:12-17).

### THE MIRACLE OF THE SAINTS' TRANSFORMATION

But for the saints, it will be a glorious day!

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is (1 Jn 3:1-2).

We shall be like Jesus. Our outward body that is perishing will be changed. On earth we are all turning into raisins. But when Christ returns, we will be radically changed. Our bodies will be restored like unto his glorious body.

I can't wait for that day. It's a day when God will wipe away all of our tears.

**15:51-54a** | Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality...

Here's the miracle: we shall be changed. Now what's going to happen when Jesus comes, suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye the perishable must put on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new” (Rev 21:4-5).

No more doctors. No more hospitals or medicine or funerals. No more sadness or hurt or toil. We will be completely free and healed in Jesus. We will be more alive than ever before! The dead will be raised out of their graves. Then we who are alive will be instantly changed.

### ILLUSTRATION: WAKE UP MOMMY

A mother died when she was very young. Here little boy went to the funeral. There was his mother. She was there just like she was asleep. This little boy didn't understand

death. He looked at her, and then he began to talk to her. He began to say to his mother who was there with no signs of life, dead in the coffin.

He began to say to her, “Mommy, wake up. Wake up, Mommy. Mommy, wake up.” The dad’s chin began to tremble. Tears came out of his eyes. He said, “Son, you can’t wake Mommy up. She’s not taking a nap. Mommy has died.” But then he said this. “When Jesus comes, he’ll wake her up.” And he will.

When Jesus comes, he’ll wake up the dead in Christ! When you see the dead ascending out of their graves, get ready Christian. You are about to be caught up with the Lord as well.

The moment that Christ comes, you are going to be transformed.

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself (Phil 3:20-21).

C.S. Lewis said:

Remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare.... There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization — these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit — immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.<sup>5</sup>

So there’s a miracle of Christ’s appearing and our transformation. But there is another miracle at the return of Christ.

### THE MIRACLE OF DEATH’S DEFEAT

15:55-57 | ...then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ, death is defeated. Death is dead. No matter what happens at the last trumpet, we know Christ has defeated sin and death. He will come in glory and power with a great celebration: Death has no victory! “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (15:57).

### THE STING OF THE BEE

It reminds me of the little girl who was allergic to bees. One sting of a bee would take her life in less than an hour. One day she was riding in the car along the highway with her daddy. In the car flew an angry bee with a big stinger. The little girl began to panic. She began to wail.

<sup>5</sup> C.S. Lewis. *The Weight of Glory* (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2001), 15.

“Daddy! A bee! Daddy, I could die. Daddy, is that bee going to sting me? Oh Daddy, I’m so afraid! She cried and she wailed.” The bee buzzed wildly around the car.

The angry bee harassed the father, and as soon as he could cupped that bee in his hand. He could feel the angry bee hitting the inside of his hand. He would not stop. And then.... “Ouch!” yelled the father. He felt that stinger in his hand and let the bee go.

The bee flew erratically by that little girl again. She was terrified! “The bee’s gonna get me Daddy!”

The father showed black stinger in his hand to his daughter. Sweetheart, that bee cannot hurt you. Soon he’ll die. I took the stinger for you.

That’s what Christ has done. He’s taken the sting of death for you. Paul quotes Hosea 13:14...

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? (1 Cor 15:55).

The sting of death is defeated! Jesus has taken on our filthy rags and given us his robe of righteousness! Glory, hallelujah, death is dead!

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#### 4. THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S COMING (15:58)

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Christ’s coming motivates us to ministry. That’s Paul’s conclusion and mine.

15:58 | Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

What we shall be is infinitely more beautiful than we can see now, for those who love Jesus. And what the lost will be in hell is infinitely more hideous than what we can see now.

God wants his heaven full. He is so patient.

#### GOD’S PATIENCE

The reason Jesus delays his coming is because God is patient.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells (2 Pet 3:8-13).

The reason Christ has not yet returned is because of God's great patience. He's not wishing that any should perish. The very heart of God is love for rebel sinners. What love is this that is so great!

### GOD'S PLAN FOR US

We should lead lives of holiness. This world is not our home. We don't belong here. Our citizenship is in heaven.

So we see, from verse 58, that we are to be busy being the hands and feet of Jesus.

**15:58** | Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

#### *The Rhythm of the Christian Life*

Be steadfast! The word **steadfast** means to **consistent**. Being steadfast means that you have a godly rhythm to your life. You are steadfast in your walk in the **Spirit**. You are steadfast in encouraging the **saints**. You are around the saints, the Word, prayer, etc. There should be a steadfast rhythm to your life.

#### *The Roots of the Christian Life*

The word **immovable** means **to be firm in your convictions**. Having settled what we believe. Jesus is Lord. End of story. There is nothing more important than Christ to be Lord of my life. I'm **immovable**. If I live according to my power or emotions, I'll be all over the place. I don't need to try harder. I need to trust the Lord. If I trust the Lord, I'm immovable. I'm rooted in the life of Christ and the life of the church where there are people filled with the Spirit who have the same immovable convictions.

#### *The Fruit of the Christian Life*

The thing is to get going for God—"always abounding in the work of the Lord." With such glorious prospects before us, we should redouble our efforts to serve the Lord.

**15:58** | Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

We are not promised a "surviving" or but a thriving and abounding Christian life. We about in working for the Lord. It's not hard to work for the Lord when you are filled with his love.

At Christmas time, we like to wrap and unwrap presents. When Christ comes again, the universe will collapse. He's going to unwrap the universe and make all things new.

Our work until he comes is great. Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18). But we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

We are called to expand his kingdom, "iron sharpening iron", making disciples of Christ. This is what we love to do "**knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain**" (15:58b). Our great reward is to **know Christ** and to **see Christ's heaven full**. He's drawing people from every tribe, people and nation. The Bible says that the twenty-

four elders will cast their crowns before the throne of Jesus. And any crowns I receive, I can't wait to join with them. I can't wait to just say:

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

*Conclusion*

Are you ready for Christ to come again? Some time ago, Jonathan Klikas told me the story of when he was in high school, and he was on the bus coming home from school. He was explaining to a friend that Jesus could come at any time. It was a cloudy day and they saw a break in the clouds. Suddenly the brightness of the sun poured through the sky. Someone in the back of the bus started playing a trumpet salute, and Jonathan stood up and shouted, "I'm ready Lord!" Have you ever felt that way? Jesus could come back at any moment.

Are you ready? Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.