UNTIL HE COMES

The Glory of Christ Revealed in Our Future Hope

BIBLE STUDY COMPANION • 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

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Shepherding Hearts Toward Christ

CONTROLLING QUESTION

What does the glorious future Christ has promised reveal about the Savior we remember at the Lord's Table?

GOVERNING TRUTH

The glorious future secured by Christ's death and resurrection reveals the beauty of our Savior's faithful love, sovereign righteousness, and everlasting grace.

Preparing Your Heart

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23–26. Whenever believers participate in the Lord's Table, they proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. His finished sacrifice is the foundation of salvation; His return assures you that God will fulfill His redemptive purposes.

Consider: Why is it important to remember not only what Jesus accomplished for you, but also what He has promised concerning your future?

I. His Faithful Love — He Will Come for His Church

READ John 14:1–3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Ephesians 5:25–27

Jesus promised to receive His people to Himself. The Savior who gave Himself for His Church will faithfully bring His people into His presence.

1. In John 14:1–3, what does Jesus reveal about His love for those who belong to Him?

2. Why is the promise of being with Christ greater than the other blessings associated with His coming?

3. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:18, how should Christ's return affect the way you face grief, suffering, and uncertainty?

4. What present difficulty would look different if you viewed it through the certainty of Christ's faithful love?

TRUTH TO CARRY WITH YOU The Savior who has secured your eternal future is worthy of your trust in the present.

II. His Sovereign Righteousness — He Will Return to Reign

READ Revelation 19:11–16; Isaiah 11:1–10; Revelation 20:1–6

Jesus Christ will return in glory and establish His righteous Kingdom. His reign will display His perfect character, the certainty of His promises, and His absolute authority as King of kings.

1. What do the descriptions "Faithful and True" and "King of kings and Lord of lords" reveal about Jesus Christ?

2. How does Isaiah 11:1–10 distinguish Christ's reign from the governments of this present world?

3. When you encounter injustice or corruption, how should Christ's future reign shape your response?

4. If you love the righteousness of your coming King, how should that love influence your decisions and relationships today?

TRUTH TO CARRY WITH YOU The King who will one day rule the nations in righteousness is worthy of your obedience today.

III. His Everlasting Grace — He Will Bring Us into His Presence Forever

READ Revelation 21:1–5; 22:1–5; John 17:24; Romans 8:18–23

God promises a new heaven and a new earth, where the consequences of sin are removed and His redeemed people dwell with Him forever. The greatest blessing of eternity is the enjoyment of His presence.

1. What does Revelation 21:3–4 reveal about God's compassion and His purposes for His redeemed people?

2. Why is the promise that God's servants will see His face (Revelation 22:4) so extraordinary?

3. What does Jesus' prayer in John 17:24 reveal about His desire for those who belong to Him?

4. How can the certainty of your future with Christ help you endure present suffering without losing hope?

TRUTH TO CARRY WITH YOU The greatest blessing of eternity isn't what will be absent. It's Who will be present.

Bringing It Home — Until He Comes

Return to 1 Corinthians 11:26. The Lord's Table points you to the sacrifice that secured your salvation and the Savior who will return to fulfill His promises.

1. Which aspect of Christ's character—His faithful love, sovereign righteousness, or everlasting grace—most encouraged your heart? Why?

2. Where do you need to trust Christ more deeply because of what He has revealed about Himself?

3. Have you personally placed your faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died for your sins and rose again? How does His promised return affect you?

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT You don't have to understand everything about the future to trust the One who has promised it. Until He comes, you have the privilege of knowing Him, loving Him, trusting Him, and following Him.