

# "A GUARANTEED RETURN"

"Bible teaching about the return of Christ was thought of as 'doomsday' preaching. But not anymore. It is the only ray of hope that shines as an ever-brightening beam in a darkening world." – Billy Graham

## 1. Jesus will return.

- **1 John 2:28-29** – And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame. Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.
  - Be faithful.
  - Be courageous.

## 2. Not everything about heaven is known.

- **1 John 3:1-2** – See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.
  - A man becomes like his god.

## 3. Everyone is a child of someone.

- **1 John 3:3-10** – And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But

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the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

- Children of God:
  - ◆ Live pure.
  - ◆ Live righteous.
- Children of the devil:
  - ◆ Live in habitual sin.
  - ◆ Live at odds with other believers.

## Coming soon:

1. **Friend Day @ DRC:** Who will you invite to join you for church? Next Sunday, October 19, is the perfect day to invite someone who has never been or hasn't been in a long time. Be sure to pick up your invites on Main Street today.
2. **Child Dedications:** If you are interested in participating in child dedications on October 19, sign up at [danriverchurch.org/dedicate](http://danriverchurch.org/dedicate).
3. **Worship Choir:** Join the worship choir for a special service on Sunday, November 16. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 2 pm in the music room (located behind the stage) beginning October 19. Follow the QR code on the screens to sign up today.
4. **Bus Driver Breakfast:** We will serve a free breakfast to all the bus drivers in our city on Tuesday, October 21. This is a great opportunity to bless those who bless our city. Sign up at [danriverchurch.org/serve](http://danriverchurch.org/serve) to serve at one of our favorite outreach events of the year.
5. **The Life You've Always Wanted:** Join us on Wednesday, October 15, as we take a closer look at the spiritual disciplines of Scripture and Confession. If we truly want to know God and live out His purpose, we need to understand God's Word and humbly confess our sins.