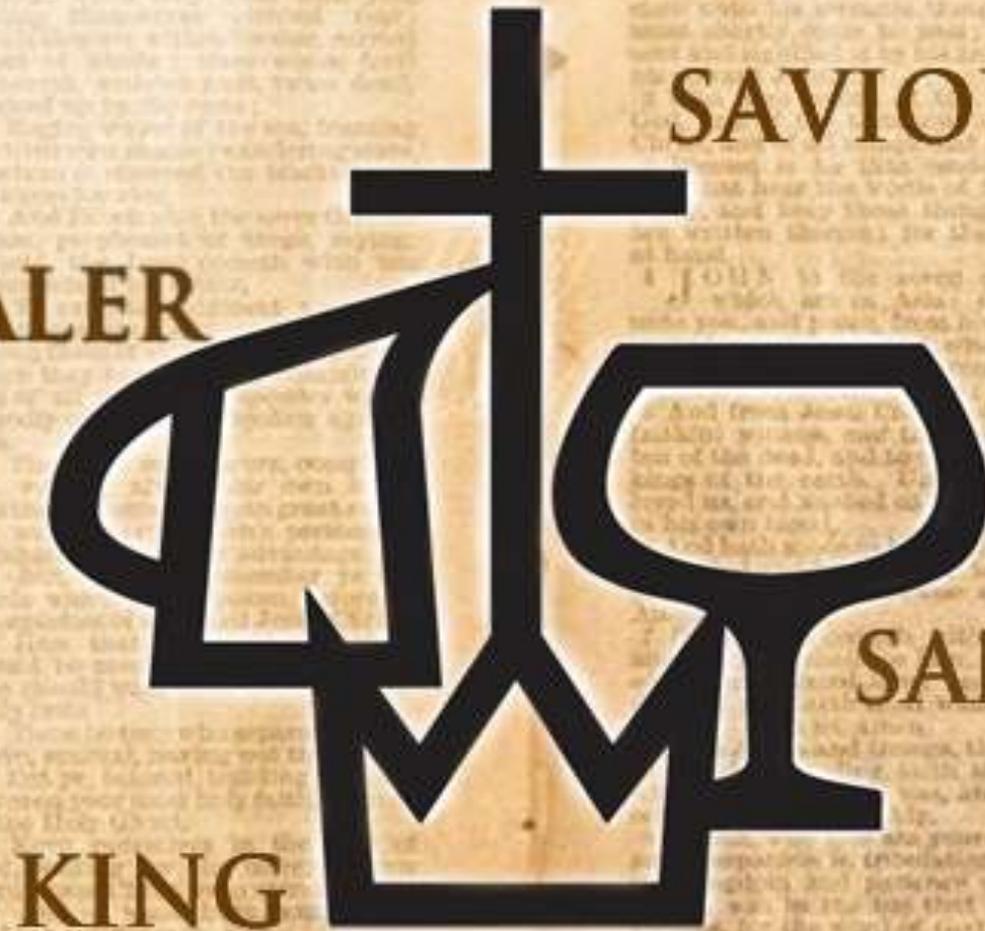


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So Far:

Christ our Savior

- taking God's wrath on himself for our sin
- granting us forgiveness, new life, eternal

Christ our Sanctifier

- justified, adopted, new people
- word and work in us – Holy Spirit

Christ our Healer

- healing for our whole being found in Him

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Christ our Coming King

1. Observations about 1st Coming of Christ

- God was taking action – providing
- prophesied clearly Isaiah 9:6

*“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

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- counselor – wisdom and guidance
- mighty God – strength and authority
- everlasting Father – family, care, provision
- prince of Peace – quiet, absence of anxiety
- * prophesied
- * expected and anticipated
- * Jesus arrived
 - humbly, in fulfillment of all that was prophesied,

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- not to divide or condemn, but to save and to reconcile!
- John 3:16-17 ¹⁶ *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*

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2. Second Coming of Christ

a) predicted in Scripture

- Acts 1:6-11 *“So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”*

⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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- Daniel 9:1-11
- Jesus predicts his return
 - Matt. 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, John 14
- Paul reminds the church
 - 1 Thess. 5:1-4, 2 Thess. 1:3-11, Heb 9:27-28

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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b) told what it will be like

1 Thess. 4:16-18 “¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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- Jesus is returning as King
 - 45 times in Revelation pictured on a Throne, ruling and reigning
 - given authority over the earth

2 Thess 1:5-11 *“when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the*

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Lord and from the glory of his might,¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- will arrive with angels, flaming fire and inflicting vengeance
- unbelievers will suffer eternal destruction
- unbelievers removed from presence of God
- confronting, condemning, judgment

3. **What Do We Need to Know?**

a) **timing is His alone to decide**

- Matt 24:36-44, 1 Thess 5:1-2 Acts 1:7

7" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority"

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b) will be signs – be expectant

- Luke 21:9-12 *“And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.”*

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- 9 – wars, rumors of wars
- 10 – nations against nations
- 11 – earthquakes, famines, pestilences, terrors and great signs from heaven
- 12 – persecution of believers

25-28 ““ *And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world*

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For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

c) Keep Watch

Luke 21:34-36

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“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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So What?

1. **Christ is Returning Again**

- clearly proclaimed
- clearly communicated why, and what will occur
- clear evidences that it is approaching

2. **Christ is returning for His bride**

- for us – his church
- great news for those who have responded to the gospel

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3. The Invitation to Respond Remains

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