

Christian hope, biblical hope is "a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future." And from that definition we can see three things that must be true about something if it indeed is to be the object of biblical hope. (1) What we hope for must be something good. (2) What we hope for must be in the future and (3) what we hope for must be certain, not doubtful, so that our expectation of its coming to pass may be confident, not wavering.

Steve Roy

The center of Christianity is the coming of the Son of God into the world as a real man to destroy the works of the devil and create a new people for His own glory. The very heart of our faith is that He did this by obeying the law of God, dying for the sins of His people, rising victorious over death, ascending to God's right hand with all His enemies under his feet. The second coming of Christ is the completion of His saving work. If you take it away, the whole fabric of his saving work unravels.

John Piper

The apostolic church thought more about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ than about death and heaven. The early Christians were looking, not for a cleft in the ground called a grave but for a cleavage in the sky called Glory.

Alexander MacLaren

In His coming the 'last days' to which the Old Testament looked forward arrived, but they have not yet run their course; the Christian church is still living in this eschaton. Jesus' first coming inaugurated it; His second coming will consummate it. The coming of Jesus was, therefore, the beginning of the end.

R. T. France

God's plan was to bring into being a host of sons and daughters whom He would indwell; through whom He would live and manifest Himself; and in and through whom Christ would reign supreme. We are the beneficiaries of that plan. God, in His love and grace, has made us a part of His plan. But we are not the center of it; Christ is.

Dan Stone

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The meaning of His return
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Kids Notes

The Rescue of the Righteous

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *Jesus predicted that one day:*

- A. He would return to this world with power and glory.
- B. He would come back to accomplish our redemption.
- C. His promises would never pass away.
- D. all of the above.

2. *Jesus told his disciples to be ready:*

- A. to stand before the Son of Man when He returned.
- B. to resist the temptation to panic.
- C. so that the return of Jesus did not take them by surprise.
- D. none of the above.

3. *The destruction of Jerusalem that Jesus predicted:*

- A. was an illustration of the great judgment of God.
- B. happened in 1948.
- C. happened under the Romans in 70 ad.
- D. all of the above.

For Family Discussion: Are you and your family ready to "stand" before Jesus the King when He comes back to judge all mankind?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

SON OF MAN _____	TOTAL: _____
RESCUE _____	_____
REDEMPTION _____	_____
HEART _____	_____
JESUS _____	_____
STAND _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

SON OF MAN RESCUE REDEMPTION HEART JESUS STAND COMING
 FAITH DRUNKENNESS DISSIPATION PANIC WORRY HEAD LIFT SIN
 DESPAIR PASS AWAY HEAVEN EARTH ESCAPE CRAVE TRAP ALERT
 GUARD CLOUD NEAR STARS NATIONS MOON SUN FEAR GRACE

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A R K T J E B G A E E J C Q C H B
E D U L S J C U A L D D P I T C C
H W S N O I T A N X E H H R N L F
P A S S K A A R R S M R A E O A S
H T I A F E W D P G P E T U A T P
S R A T S H N A S E T G D S A R S
E C R A V E I N Y N I N P N U R T
Z U G A A R A E E T O I D P Y N F
D M C R E M X V D S N M T B R O W
J Z D S G F A A T L S O R J R S F
N O O M E E P F E N V C A E O J C
G I A B H R I X S A V M P S W V M
O H P A O L R P N O H W Q U Y I R
V P Y D N N L L R G Z T G S A C F

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