

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

A People Waiting for the Return of Christ

Selected Scriptures

1. **Remember**

As a Christian awaiting the return of Christ, I must never move beyond rooting our self-identity in the Lord. I am a redeemed sinner who, on the basis of faith in Christ, is the recipients of the unmerited favor of God (1 Cor. 1:26-31). I know that I have been taken from darkness into light (1 Pet. 2:9) and that I have been graciously forgiven of all of the sins for which God would be just in condemning me (Rom. 4:1-5; Isa. 44:22; Col 2:13-14). As I wait for the return of the Lord Jesus, I will be continually concerned with being prepared to see Him (1 John 2:28-29; cf. John 15:1ff).

2. **Remember**

As a Christian awaiting the return of Christ, I must remember that I am currently living in a world that is not my home (Phil. 1:23; cf. Heb. 11:9-10). The normal cares and responsibilities of this world are real and worthy of careful consideration (1 Thess 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:10), but not of sinful priority or anxiety (Matt 6:25ff; Phil 4:6). All of the sinful things which strongly pull at my heart and mind are temporary and deadly (Gal. 5:17; 1 John 2:15-17). It should not surprise me when the things which God says are good and right are vilified as wicked by those around me (Isa. 5:20-23; Prov. 29:27).

3. **Remember**

As a Christian awaiting the return of Christ, I must be about the business which He has given to me (Matt 28:18-20; cf. Luke 2:49). Jesus Christ has not yet come in judgment, but He has come to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), and so I need to prioritize my activities accordingly (cf. Hag. 1:6; Luke 12:33). I must also be very concerned with the encouragement and edification of Christian brethren as we all attempt to honor the Lord in our lives (Eph 4:11-16; cf. 1 Cor. 12:4-7).