

which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and waited until the Holy Spirit came upon them. Then they began to witness to their Lord and carried the message of His saving grace to the very ends of the earth. ^{As they did so} ~~However,~~ they constantly remembered ^{His} ~~the~~ promise that He would return and set up His kingdom of righteousness.

Repeatedly in the New Testament we find expressed the note of longing for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The final prayer of the Bible is that He may come soon.

The twentieth chapter of the Revelation sketches plainly the great events to which Christians look forward with joy. Christ will return from heaven, put down everything that is evil in this earth, give their just deserts to the war criminals and to all enemies of justice and truth, and then will set up His Kingdom of righteousness and peace which will last for a thousand years before the great final judgment. Those who have died as believers in Christ will be raised from the dead at His coming, and will share in His glorious kingdom. Peace and happiness will be found everywhere. Not by human efforts will this grand result be attained, but by the supernatural intervention of the Almighty God.

While Christians await the glorious climax promised by their risen Lord, they diligently carry out His direction to witness to Him everywhere. There is no need that anyone should be burdened with doubt or fear. Jesus Christ has the answer to all our needs. He died on the Cross, so that anyone who believes on Him may be assured of salvation from sin and power to do His will. ~~We~~ may live victoriously if we trust Him fully, meditate on His Word, and follow its teachings.

Christianity is a historical religion. That is to say, it is not merely a group of ethical ideas and principles, but it is founded upon certain great facts which have occurred in the world. It looks back to the revelation which God gave through His prophets and particularly to the great revelation which He gave through the Lord Jesus Christ, and then it looks forward to a great historical event yet to occur — the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.