

## THREE APPEARANCES OF CHRIST

Text: Hebrews 9:24-28

INTRO: This passage of Scripture mentions 3 appearances of Christ connected with our salvation. We will look at them in them in their chronological order.

- I. THE FIRST APPEARANCE, vs. 26.
  - A. He has appeared – past tense.
  - B. Purpose: to put away sin. Rom. 6:23

1 Tim 1:15, This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

1 John 3:5, ...He was manifested to take away our sins...

- C. The sacrifice of Jesus is the only remedy for our sins. The animal sacrifices of the O.T. could only picture or typify the remedy for sin. READ HEB 10:1-4; 9:11-14

- D. We must cooperate with Jesus in order that our sins may be forgiven.

1. His part -- Matt 26:28, This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

2. Man's part—Acts 2:38.

## II. THE SECOND APPEARANCE, vs 24

A. "Now" to appear – present tense.

B. Purpose: to make intercession for us.

Heb 7:25, Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God thru Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

1. Jesus is our Advocate at the throne of God-- 1 John 2:1-2, My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

2. He is the one Mediator between God and ourselves. Not Mary, Jude, Abraham

Eph 2:14-18, For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the 2, thus making peace, & that He might reconcile them both to God in one body thru the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For thru Him we

both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

1 Tim 2:5-6, For there is one God & one Mediator between God & men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...

III. THE THIRD APPEARANCE, vs. 28

A. He will yet appear—future.

B. Purpose—our ultimate salvation.

1. He will raise the dead.

John 6:39-40, This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 5:28-29, Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, & shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

2. He will judge the world.

John 12:48, He who rejects Me, & does not receive My words, has

that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Matt 25:31-33, 41, 46, When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, & He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left... Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil & his angels... And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

3. He will take the righteous home to heaven.

1 Thess 4:16-18, For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds

to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

CONCLUSION: Three appearances of Jesus, all for our salvation. One appearance is past; one appearance is current, and one appearance is yet to come. Are you ready for the judgment day?

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