



Life Church Smyrna
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John 14:1-3 ¹“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me. ²There is more than enough room in My Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.” (NLT)

1. The Return Of Jesus

Mark 13:26-27 ²⁶“Everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And He will send out His angels to gather His chosen ones from all over the world - from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.” (NLT)

Mark 13:32-33 ³²“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son Himself. Only the Father knows. ³³And since you don’t know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!” (NLT)

Acts 1:6-7 ⁶“When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, ‘Lord, has the time come for You to free Israel and restore our kingdom?’ ⁷He replied, ‘The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.’” (NLT)

Acts 1:9-11 ⁹“After saying this, He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him. ¹⁰As they strained to see Him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday He will return from heaven in the same way you saw Him go!’” (NLT)

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 ⁵¹“Let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵²It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.” (NLT)

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ¹³“And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with Him the believers who have died. ¹⁵We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet Him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸So encourage each other with these words.” (NLT)

2 Peter 3:3-4 ³“Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. ⁴They will say, ‘What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.’” (NLT)

2 Peter 3:8-10a, 15 ⁸“But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. ^{10a}But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief...¹⁵And remember, our Lord’s patience gives people time to be saved.” (NLT)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 6, 10-11 ¹“Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don’t really need to write you. ²For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night...⁶So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded...¹⁰Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when He returns, we can live with Him forever. ¹¹So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” (NLT)

The big idea: Jesus wants us to be ready for His return.



Loving God! Loving People! Loving Life!