

# “WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR”

## INTRODUCTION

Several references in the New Testament are made regarding the appearance of Christ in the last day. Twice in 1 John, the exact words, “When He shall appear” with reference to that day. That verse is 1 John 2:28. (Read). Four verses in the New Testament speak of the “glory” that will be involved when He appears, and other verses speak of other things that relate to His appearance at that time. Some verses speak clearly of the fact that Jesus will return sometime in the future. John 14:3; Acts 1:9-11. With these passages in mind, let’s observe some things that will occur “when He shall appear,” as stated in 1 John 2:28.

## DISCUSSION

### I. 1<sup>st</sup>, let’s consider the passages that relate to His GLORY.

- A. The appearance itself will be **“glorious.”** Tit. 2:13
  - 1. Jesus exhibited brightness even at the appearance of Moses and Elijah. Luke 9:28-31
  - 2. The word “glory” is from the Greek word *doxa*, which describes the radiance, splendor or brightness of One who is divine. 2 Thess. 2:8
- B. Then, the trial of our faith will be manifest in glory “when He shall appear.” Jas. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:17
- C. Next, we shall appear “with Him” in His glory “when He shall appear.” Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:17
- D. Finally, we shall receive a “crown of glory” when He appears.
  - 1. Peter refers to that crown as a crown of “glory.” 1 Pet. 5:4
  - 2. Then, Paul refers to it as a crown of “righteousness”, which describes the same crown received because of the state of righteousness, given “when He shall appear. 2 Tim. 4:6-8

### II. 2<sup>nd</sup>, let’s consider other things associated with Jesus’ coming.

- A. 1<sup>st</sup>, when Jesus appears, the **end** of the world and all things material will take place. 1 Cor. 15:23-24; cf 2 Pet. 3:4-10 (Discuss fully)
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Jesus appears, there will be a resurrection of the dead. John 5:28-29; 1 Thess. 4:13-16
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup>, when Jesus appears those still living will be experience a change in their physical bodies. 1 Thess. 4:17; cf 1 Cor. 15:42-44; 50-54 (Discuss fully)
- D. 4<sup>th</sup>, when Jesus appears there will be the day of final judgment. 2 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 9:27-28
- E. 5<sup>th</sup>, when Jesus appears the heavenly phase of the kingdom shall begin. 2 Tim. 4:1
  - 1. On earth, we are in the earthly phase of the kingdom **IN** the church. Col.1:13, 18
  - 2. At Jesus’ coming, all the faithful **IN** the kingdom shall enter into the heavenly phase of that kingdom. 1 Cor. 15:23-24; Heb. 12:22-23

## CONCLUSION

- I. One passage sums up what will occur “when He shall appear” as we enter into the glory of the Lord. Matt. 25:31-34; cf Eph. 5:25-27
- II. In view of these great events yet to come, we should be motivated to be ready, and always look for the appearance of our Lord.

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