

Four Certainties About the Second Coming of Christ

By: David Sproule

The Bible affirms with absolute certainty that Jesus Christ *will* return—Jesus Himself promised it (John 14:1-3), and angels proclaimed it (Acts 1:9-11). While this event is certain, the exact time remains completely unknown (Matt. 24:36-44; 1 Thess. 5:2), so His people must always be prepared (2 Pet. 3:10-14). How glorious His coming will be, when “every eye will see Him” (Rev. 1:7)! Consider what will happen.

At the second coming, every dead person will be raised at the same time. Scripture emphasizes repeatedly that it is the body that is raised, not the soul, for the soul never ceases to exist (Jas. 2:26; Ecc. 12:7). Jesus taught that “all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth” in the same hour—both the righteous and the wicked (John 5:28-29). There will not be days or even years separating their resurrections. This great moment will occur at “the last trumpet” on “the last day” (1 Cor. 15:52; John 6:40). The righteous will rise to life, receiving glorified, incorruptible bodies, while the unrighteous will be raised to condemnation. What a scene that will be when every grave on earth gives up its dead!

At the second coming, the earth and everything in it will be destroyed. Immediately after the removal of all the living and all the resurrected dead from the earth, God will bring the material universe to a fiery end (2 Pet. 3:10-12; Matt. 24:35). The heavens will pass away with a great noise, the elements will melt with fervent heat, and the earth will be completely burned up. Scripture nowhere allows

for Jesus to reign on a literal earth for a thousand years, nor does it teach that this planet will become the eternal home of the saved. Instead, this earth and everything in it will be dissolved.

At the second coming, every person who has ever lived will be judged. All nations will be gathered before Christ, the appointed Judge (Matt. 25:31-32; Acts 17:31). Every individual—small and great, righteous and wicked—will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account (2 Cor. 5:10). God’s Word will be the standard of judgment (John 12:48), and every thought, word, deed and secret will be revealed (Matt. 12:36-37; Rom. 2:6, 16; Rev. 20:12).

At the second coming, eternal destinies will be rewarded. The unrighteous “will go away into eternal punishment,” and the righteous “into eternal life” (Matt. 25:46; cf. 2 Thess. 1:7-9). Eternity begins the moment Christ returns. Every person will consciously abide in the eternal bliss of God’s presence or in the eternal damnation away from His presence.

What a thrilling day that will be! Since Jesus is surely coming, and no one knows when, now is the time to obey Him, serve Him and eagerly wait for His appearing.

The Second Time Twelve Men Spoke in Tongues

By: Selected

It was on Pentecost that the Spirit entered the twelve apostles, and to the amazement of all, they began to speak in tongues. The message heard by Jews from every nation is clearly described. “We hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God” ([Acts 2:11](#)). These tongues were God’s way of showing others that these men were speaking the words of God.

Are you aware that there was another day when twelve men all spoke in tongues? Many have overlooked the significance of this second event. On his third missionary journey, Paul came to Ephesus. He had never met these twelve men, and the question he asked should be studied carefully. He asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit since their faith had led them to be baptized. Those who know this story will remember that because they had received the wrong baptism, they were immersed a second time in the name of Jesus. Read the text carefully. After they were baptized, Paul laid his hands on these twelve men and the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and prophesying.

Isn’t this how Jesus described how the gospel would spread so rapidly when He gave the great commission? “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues...” ([Mark 16:15-17](#)). Tongues were to be given to those who believed and were baptized.

Those tongues came only by an apostle

laying his hands on them. This was what apostles could do when they came to baptized believers ([Acts 8:12-15](#)). It is obvious that he had never met these twelve men and even more obvious why he asked his question to these he knew who were believers who had been baptized. The Holy Spirit was given by an apostle’s hands, and Paul wanted them to have the Spirit. He discovered they had not been baptized with the baptism mentioned in [Mark 16](#), so these men were then baptized. He laid his hands on them to fulfill the prophecy that Jesus made in the Great Commission that believers would speak in tongues and prophesy. This is why he asked his first question.

The results were obvious. They were baptized, and the sign of speaking in tongues was given to them by the laying on of Paul’s hands. They not only spoke in tongues but prophesied. They then could speak in other languages like the apostles and tell the “wonderful works of God.” People could know these twelve were messengers just like twelve on Pentecost. These tongues confirmed the message ([Mark 16:20](#)).



Upcoming Events

Sun. March 1: Monthly Potluck luncheon with a 12:45pm afternoon service.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Veronica Serenil who had a biopsy done recently and will be having more testing done tomorrow.

Jeff Cannady who had foot surgery.

Janis Fossati, Willie Fossati's mother and Nancy Fortenberry's sister, who will be having medical tests done.

Members

Jeff Cannady and Veronica Serenil.

2026 Pocket Directory

Please review the pocket directory located on the table in the foyer. Please make any corrections or put a check mark by your name if correct. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

The Sign up sheets for ways to serve for 2026 are on the bulletin board in the hallway.
Please sign up.

Service Roster

Week of February 22, 2026

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Willie Fossati
Song Leader..... Doug Jobs

Opening Prayer..... Ron White
Closing Prayer..... Clifton Rutherford

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... Bryant Siegel
Cup..... Lupe Escojido
Offering..... Benny Horton
Assist..... Caleb Lehtinen
Assist..... Kanin Jacobs
Assist..... Steve Randle

Sunday Evening

Song Leader..... Kevin Sheeran

Opening Prayer..... Randy D'Herde
Closing Prayer..... Bryce Dolan

Lord's Supper & Offering..... Billy York/
Steve Randle

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class..... Cody McCoy
Song Leader..... Richard Hill
Devotional..... Barry Lehtinen

Other

Prepare Communion for Feb.....

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Simmon Cammock..... Feb. 24
Dorothy Williams..... Feb. 27
Angela Sneeringer-Gonzales..... Feb. 27

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

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James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men’s Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of
the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of February 15, 2026

A.M. Bible Class.....76
A.M. Worship.....104
P.M. Worship.....71
Wednesday Worship.....63

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