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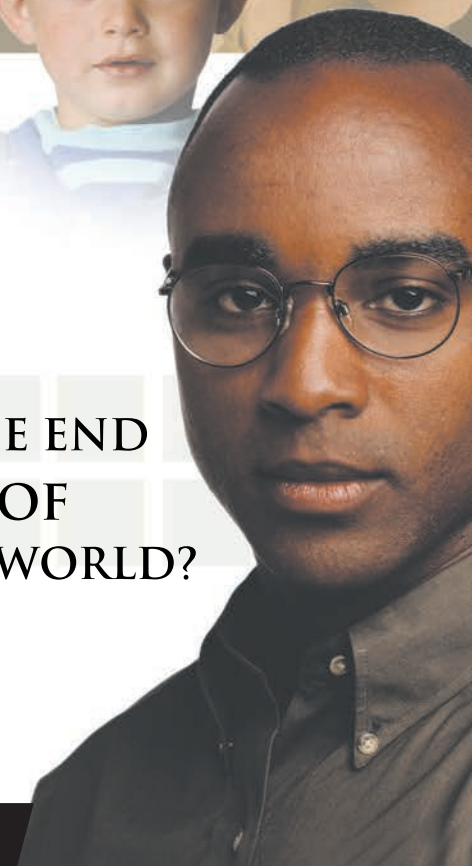


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The newspapers report a lot of bad news: war, robbery, murder, corruption, domestic abuse, even the abandoning of little babies. Will there ever be an end to all this?

Yes! When Jesus returns. Here's what God tells us about the return of Jesus: "Now [Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him" (Hebrews 9:26-28).

The second coming of Jesus will bring an end to all that is wrong with the world. It will be a day of final judgment. For those who reject Jesus, there will not be another chance to believe. No second chance. No escape on that day. Christ is coming back once more, and that day will be the last.

Those who trust in Jesus don't fear that day. Jesus will destroy all evil, but he will also take his faithful people to live with him forever. Believers know that Jesus has forgiven them and promised them eternal life. They simply wait for him to come and take them to the paradise he has promised. They wait patiently and put up with the world's troubles, knowing that Jesus will change things forever someday.

And what a change he will make! Here's what he promises: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

That's what Jesus wants everyone to have, and he has given it as a gift. He died on the cross to pay fully for the gift. No one can earn it. Who could do enough anyway? Jesus simply gives it away. His faithful people receive his gift. They claim it by faith. Those who do not trust Jesus have left his gift unopened and unclaimed.

Without Jesus, the end of the world will be a terrible day. With Jesus, there will be no punishment at the Last Day. For believers, Jesus will put an end to war, murder, hatred, sickness, and death. He will bring joy, peace, love, and all that is good. It's no wonder believers pray, "Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

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