Live in the Light of Christ's Second Coming

James 5:7-11

MAIN IDEA

Because Jesus Christ is coming again, believers must live with patience in suffering, steadfast hearts, love for one another, and confidence in the Lord's compassion.

Whose coming are we waiting for?

The same Jesus who died for our sins, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven will come again.

Since Christ is coming again, how should we live today?

Our Hope: Christ Is Coming

1. He promised to return

John 14:1-3; Hebrews 9:26-28

He will receive His people to Himself and bring their salvation to completion.

2. His return will be real and glorious

Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7

This same Jesus will return visibly, with power and great glory.

3. He will complete our salvation

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20-21

The dead in Christ will rise. Our bodies will be transformed. We will be with Him forever.

4. He will judge righteously

Acts 17:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Evil will not escape judgment. We are accountable to Christ.

5. We must be ready

Matthew 24:36, 42-44; 2 Peter 3:9-14

We do not know the day or hour. Wait with repentance, watchfulness, and holiness.

6. His coming must shape life today

Titus 2:11-13; 1 John 3:2-3; Hebrews 10:23-25

Pursue purity, encourage the church, and serve faithfully.

How Should We Live?

Context: James 5:1-6 describes oppression and injustice. James now calls suffering believers to wait faithfully for the returning Lord.

1. Wait patiently - verse 7

Like a farmer waiting for the harvest, trust the Lord's timing.

Galatians 6:9

2. Strengthen your hearts - verse 8

Stand firm in God's promises because the Lord's coming is near.

Hebrews 10:23; 1 Corinthians 15:58

3. Show love to one another - verse 9

Do not grumble against one another. The Judge is standing at the door.

Ephesians 4:29-32

4. Remain faithful in suffering - verses 10-11a

Follow the prophets' example and consider Job's perseverance.

Hebrews 12:1-3

5. Trust the Lord's compassionate purpose - verse 11b

Remember what the Lord brought about for Job. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 103:8

Respond in Faith

Future hope and present holiness belong together.

Where do I need to trust God's timing?

What promise will strengthen my heart?

Whom do I need to forgive or encourage?

Where must I persevere in obedience?

How can I trust the Lord's compassion today?

Personal Notes

Christ is coming again. Let His promise shape your life today.

Remain steadfast. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58