

When we compare the two comings of Jesus Christ we find that He came the first time to initiate steps in God's plan of salvation. He completes those steps through His Second Coming.

Discovering the biblical continuity of these two events helps us:

- Better understand
 God's plan of
 salvation and what it
 means for those of us
 who live between these
 two great events.
- Better understand our <u>present relationship</u> <u>with Jesus Christ.</u>



- 1. Jesus Christ came the first time to be the substitute sacrifice to reconcile human beings to God.
- 2. Christ comes the second time to apply His sacrifice to all peoples so that they will "seek Him" and be reconciled to God.
- Those who have received God's forgiveness through Jesus' sacrifice relate to Christ as <u>Savior</u>.

- 1. Jesus came to die, be resurrected and become the first born Elder Brother in God's Kingdom.
- 2. Christ comes the second time as the first born Elder Brother to resurrect those who were called during the time of Satan's rule to became the children of God.
- Those who recognize Christ as Savior relate to Him as our <u>Elder Brother</u> who shows us the way of the resurrection to eternal life in God's family.

1. Christ came to defeat Satan as the ruler of the earth.

- 2. Christ comes the second time to remove Satan as the ruler over this earth.
- Those who recognize Jesus Christ as Savior and Elder Brother relate to Him as the <u>Champion</u> who defeats our adversary.

1. Christ came to initiate the New Covenant.

- 2. Christ comes the second time to expand the New Covenant to include all people.
- As participants in the New Covenant we relate to Christ as <u>High Priest</u> who is actively interceding for us before the throne of God.

1. Christ came to establish the Church.

2. Christ comes the second time to establish God's government with the saints of the Old Testament and New Covenant Church who were trained to serve Him.

• As members of the Church we are to respond to Christ as the <u>Head of the Church</u>.

1. Christ came to leave His followers an example of how to live.

- 2. Christ comes the second time to teach all humanity how to live.
- Those who accept Christ as Savior and High Priest relate to Him as a **Mentor** and we are His disciples.

- 1. Christ came to reveal the Father.
- 2. Christ comes to prepare the way for the Father.
- Those who are following Christ see Him as the <u>Intercessor or Way</u> to experience a personal relationship with the Father.

Review: Why Christ Must Come Twice

- 1. Jesus Christ came the first time to be the substitute sacrifice to reconcile human beings to God. Christ comes the second time to apply His sacrifice to all peoples so that they will "seek Him" and be reconciled to God.
- 2. Christ came the first time to be resurrected as the firstborn among many brethren. He comes the second time to resurrect his brothers and sisters.
- 3. Christ came the first time to the defeat Satan. He comes the second time to remove Satan.

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- 4. Christ came the first time to establish the New Covenant with those called out of Satan's world to be His disciples. He comes the second time to expand the New Covenant to all peoples who have been freed from Satan's rule.
- 5. Christ came the first time to establish the Church as people who are prepared to rule with Him. He comes the second time to establish God's kingdom on earth and have the resurrected saints, and the OT saints, serve Him as King of Kings.

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- 6. Christ came the first time to be an example to His disciples of how to live. He comes the second time to teach all humanity how to live.
- 7. Christ's first and second comings are to reveal the Father.