

## Pastor's Corner

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“The Lord Is Coming Quickly—Amen Come Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20b) is the key verse for CBMC’s Missions theme, 2009.

The Second Coming of our Lord Jesus is not a slogan but a reality. People tend to read Revelation from an apocalyptic point of view, with all the disastrous events brought about by the out pouring of God’s wrath onto this earth. However, for the first Century Christians, Revelation was a comforting message to them that our Lord Jesus, the righteous and victorious King, is returning to fulfill His promise that His people would be with Him from then and forever.

Some two thousand years had passed and life on this world seems getting better with the advent of civilization. You do not have to be an environmentalist, but by just being an observer of world events, you will note that this world is heading towards the end time as prophesized in the Bible. Our abuses on the land, water and other natural resources would have soon come to a point of no return unless there is an intervention from our Almighty God.

The Second Coming of Jesus is a promise from our Lord Jesus Christ. His departure was to go and prepare an eternal dwelling for all those believe in Him. Once ready, He will come back to receive us into Himself. (John 14:1-3.)

Secondly, it is the testimony of the angels on Mt. Olive after Jesus was received into heaven. He will come back in the same way (Acts 1:9-11).

Thirdly, it is the proclamation of the glorious Christ Himself, first in Revelation 22:7 “And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophesy of this book”. Then in 22:20a. “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming quickly.’ “Heed” is an old English word for listening and keeping.

Most importantly, the Second Coming of Jesus is an integral part of God’s redemptive plan to “rescue us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us the Kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Col. 1:13-14).

If “charity starts at home”, it is even more so on missions. Are there still members of your family yet to know Christ? If the answer is positive, please start to pray for on these. Before you pray for an opportunity in witness to them, pray that you may live a life worthy to the calling. It is a life of living sacrifice, a life of living by the Word of God and in the grace of our Lord Jesus who died for our sins on the Cross. Study your Bible and live it out. The One is going to come will come and not tarry. Prepare to meet your God.

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「主必快來，阿門。主耶穌啊，我願祢來。」

這是出於啟示錄 22:20 下，也是教會 2009 年的宣主題。

「主必快來」不是在叫口號，那是一件實質的事。現代人都把啟示錄看為末世大災難的傳記—神傾倒祂的義怒在地上。但對於第一世紀的信徒這卻是一篇安慰的信息：那公義並得勝的君王回來應驗祂的應許—祂百姓要與祂永遠同在。

二千年都過了，人類的生活也似乎因文明帶來了進步。其實你不用是一個環保份子，祇要你稍為觀察環境，你很快就會發現，這個世界已經是朝向一個末後的日子。人類因濫用地球的資源，已快要到一個無藥可救的地步。除非全能的神介入拯救。

「主必快來」是主耶穌親口的應許。祂去原是要為信祂的人預備地方。預備好後，祂會回來接我們去祂自己裏面去(約 14:1-3)。

「主必快來」是耶穌在橄欖山被接上升後天使的見證—祂怎樣往天上去，祂還要怎樣來(徒 1:9-11)。

這亦是榮耀的基督自己的宣告：「看哪，我必快來！凡遵守這書上預言的有福了！」(啟 22:7)，及「證明這事的說：『是了，我必快來！』」(啟 22:20 上)，這是我們要遵守及遵行的。

最重要的是，主再來是神救贖計劃中的重要一環。祂救了我們脫離黑暗的權勢，把我們遷到他愛子的國裡；我們在愛子裡得蒙救贖，罪過得以赦免(歌羅西書 1:13-14)。

西方諺語有說「慈惠在家先發」，傳福音更應是如此。你在家中是否有人未認識耶穌嗎？若有的話，請你先祈禱。在你未求神使用你向他們傳福音以先，你應先求神幫助你過一個與蒙召的恩相稱的生活，一個將身體獻上當作活祭的生活，一個靠著耶穌在十字架上所成就恩典的生活。好好的研讀並遵行聖經的教訓。

那要來的必來。你當預備迎見你的神。