



Could this be the year?

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. Suzette, Armand, Shannon and I, would like to wish everyone listening and your loved ones, a year filled with God's Love, Joy, Peace and His supernatural provision, blessings, favour, prosperity!

May His face shine upon you, may He guide you and show you His Will and Plan for your life and may you have the grace to hear and submit to His Word, Will and Purpose for your life.

May you and your loved one have a year filled with God Blessing and know it experientially in 2022 and may His favour and blessing cause your joy to overflow into praise and worship of God, both in the good times and the bad times!

Please never forget that the God of the mountains, is still God in the valley, and He can always do exceedingly more than we can ever hope or trust God to do for us. God is still God, in our times of joy and blessing and supernatural favour and He is still God when things do not go according to your plans and things do not look good, just remember He IS God and reach out to Him to help you and He will.

I believe that God has a special Word for each of us today. When I asked God what He wanted me to talk about I had this overwhelming feeling like I have at the start of most years and that is Could this be the year!

Introduction

"Could this be the year for what?". Could this be the year Jesus comes to take us home or could this be the year that He comes to fetch His Bride the Church of God?

Let's pray

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *"¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."*

I want to ask you a direct question, I want you to be totally honest, I want you to be real before God. There are only two answers to this question, Yes or No!

Jesus Christ is coming back and according to these verses, He is coming back soon, maybe even this year, are ready?



At the beginning of the past few years, I ask the question, “Could this be the year that you, I that we see Jesus Christ?”

You might say to me Pastor I want to hear a good message at the start of a New Year! I agree with you, but it does not help if I give you a message about some Spiritual principle and we are not ready to meet Jesus?

Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth and many of us are not ready! Many of us have no idea that He is coming back sooner than we think! Are you ready!

He could fetch us in Rapture

Our text says that there is a day in the not too distant, future when there will be a shout of the Archangel and in an instant those who died, the verse says those who are asleep, in Jesus Christ will rise first, Moses, Elijah and all the saints past including your parents and family who lived and accepted Jesus Christ and died in Jesus Christ, and then those of us who are living on the earth will be caught up in clouds where we will meet Jesus Christ in the air with all the saints past.

Can you imagine that? One day you will be doing some task here on earth, some of us will be sleeping, some of us will be working, some of us will be driving, even some of us will be on holiday and the shout will come and whoosh we are gone, in a twinkling of your eye.

One moment you are here and the next in the clouds with Jesus Christ and the saints and this is coming to a city near you, very, very soon.

Can you imagine the chaos in the world? Millions of God’s children are just gone without any explanation! Doctors, nurses, IT professionals, policemen and women and people from all walks of life are just gone in an instant.

Our whole world has been turned upside down by COVID-19 and that caused chaos in our world. People lost their jobs, the economy started to collapse, and people walked around in fear and anguish that they might get the virus and die.

I believe that after the rapture this world will be in chaos and fear and anguish.

Many people who were living with one foot in the world and one in the church will remember that their Pastors had taught about this and now it has happened and there is going to be a lot of regrets, but it will be too late.

I guess the world media will come up with some kind of excuses, maybe they will say there was an alien invasion / an abduction, or a purge of people not needed, whatever the explanation is, know for sure that this was God taking His bride, his true church out of the earth to meet Him in Glory.

The question remains, are you ready? Are you ready to meet Jesus Christ in the air? He is coming to fetch his children and He wants you to be part of His Glorious church!



He could fetch us in death

For some of us Jesus Christ might come to fetch us in death this year, are you ready?

Many people I know have died in 2021, including my brother-in-law and many family members, friends and colleagues, gone in an instant and praise God many of them stepped into eternity as God's children and are in heaven right now but many are not because they never accepted Jesus Christ.

Last year, as I was believing God that He could/would come back in 2021, all the signs in the Bible were fulfilled there was nothing outstanding that I could see and as I was contemplating this question, God reminded me that He could fetch me in the rapture, or He could fetch me in death that year!

Praise God last year was not my time even though I was very sick with COVID-19 and also had issues with my heart and underwent an angiogram.

We all have an appointment

Hebrew 9:27-28 *"²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."*

It is a fact that one day if the Lord tarries, each one of us will die, in fact, 100 out of 100 people die, and when you die what happens then?

The Bible clearly says that when we die there is a judgement, what is the judgement about? Whether we accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour or not! **Matthew 12:36, Romans 10:14, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 22:12**

Not accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour or wanting to accept Jesus but never committing or wanting to is a NO.

This is a yes or no question, not a maybe, not I think so but did you or did you not accept Jesus Christ?

And so that there is no doubt, there is a search made in a book called the Book of Life (**Luke 10:20 / Revelation 13:8**) and a search is made for your name. If your name is found in the Book of Life you are welcomed into Heaven but if not, you will go to Hell.

Salvation

So, the question is, how do you get your name in the Lambs Book of Life? How do you get to meet Jesus Christ in the Rapture?

When we have our names entered into the Lambs Book of Life the moment we accept/choose to receive the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for all of Mankind. When you in faith believe that Jesus Christ died for you personally and you confess your sin and need for Jesus Christ to lean you of your sin, you become His child and your name is recorded in the



Lambs Book of Life and you become God's child and all God's children will go to heaven or be raptured when Jesus Christ comes to meet His children in the air.

Romans 10:9-13 says *"⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'*"

You might say to me, Martin I attend church every Sunday, I am a good person, I read my Bible, I give to the poor and many more things you do, but **John 14:6** says *"⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'*"

Salvation is only through the Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary for the forgiveness of SIN for ALL mankind!

Jesus HAS paid this price for the entire human race and it is a free gift for anyone to receive but each one of us have to decide for ourselves to accept Jesus Christ and receive this GIFT of the forgiveness of our sin through faith in the finished work of the Cross of Calvary, where Jesus paid the FULL price for our SIN period.

And when you die one day, and you will stand in the presence of God and this question will be asked, "Did you accept Jesus Christ or not?"

God NEVER created Hell for humankind, but it was created to punish the devil and his angels, we go to Hell by our own choice of indecision to accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, **Matthew 25:41** says *"⁴¹ 'Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'"*

You have a choice today. It has nothing to do with your works, what you have tried to do enter Heaven, no works, no good deeds, nothing except that you decide in faith to receive Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour/

Why a Saviour, what does He save us from? Jesus Christ's death on the Cross of Calvary saves us from the consequences of our sin which are eternal death, total separation from God and our loved ones, in a place called Hell, which was not made for humans but the devil and his angels!

Will you accept Jesus Christ today and be saved from the consequences of your sin?

If you said yes, please pray this prayer after me...

"Father God, I realise today that I am a sinner and I need a Saviour. So, I repent of my sin, I confess my sin to You, I am truly sorry for my sin.



I realise today that I need Jesus Christ to be my Saviour of my sin because I cannot save myself from my sin, so I ask You, Jesus, to save me, wash away and cleanse my sin!

I accept You, Jesus, as my personal Saviour, I believe Jesus Christ died in my place for my sin, and I believe that You took away my sin on the Cross of Calvary and that Your Blood has washed me clean of all sin.

I confess with my mouth that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD and I believe in my HEART that You, God, raise Jesus Christ from the dead and He is now my Saviour and my name is written in the Lambs Book of Life. Thank you, Jesus, that you died in my place for my sin and in FAITH I become your child today, I am yours forever and ever, Amen!"

If you made this decision today, will you please contact me via phone, What's app, or Telegram so that I can send you a booklet that I wrote that will help you and answer any questions you might have.

Let's pray