

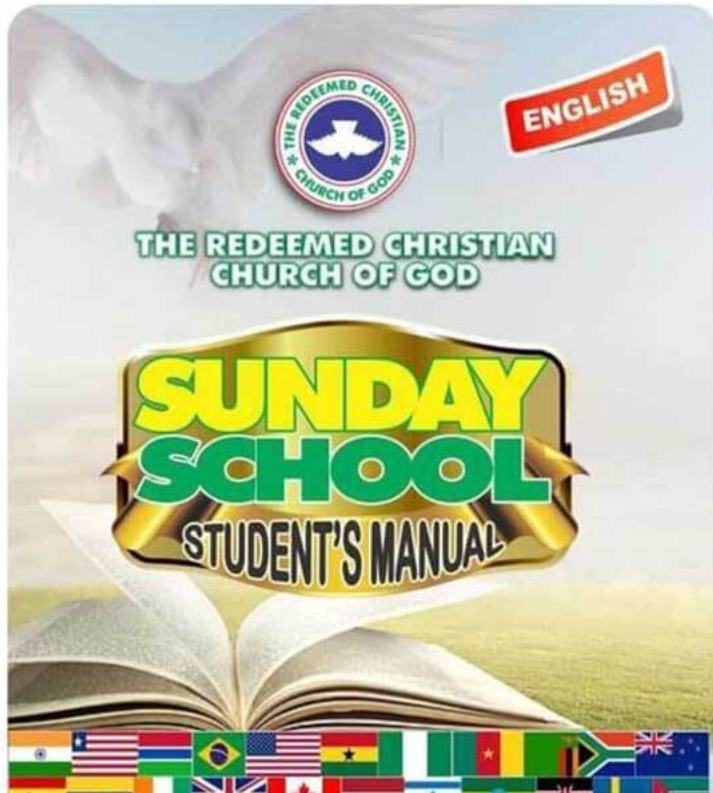
## RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL 20 AUGUST 2023: LESSON 51

### Description

This is RCGG Sunday School student manual 20 August 2023 for the adult class, lesson Fifty-one (51). The topic is **CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN**.

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### **TOPIC: CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN**

**Note:** Check [RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN LYRICS](#)

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

<sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

## **MEMORY VERSE: Acts 1:11 (KJV)**

*Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Acts 1:10-11 describes the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ as personal, bodily and visible, and that His second coming will be in like manner.

However, the second coming will be in two stages:

the rapture which will be sudden (1Thess. 4:15-17) when the Lord comes for His saints and we meet Him in the air

and then, the revelation that is public (Rev.1:7) when the Lord comes with His saints to set up the millennium, at the end of the great tribulation period (1Thess.3:13).

The time of His coming is a secret that only God the knows (Matt.24:36).

## **OUTLINES:**

1. PROPHECIES AND PURPOSE OF HIS SECOND COMING
2. THE MANNER OF HIS COMING AND ITS SIGNS

## **1. PROPHECIES AND PURPOSE OF SECOND COMING**

The first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ was prophesied among other that have come to pass.

This gives us great confidence that the prophecies of the second coming will also be fulfilled.

Christ's second coming was foretold:

- by the prophets (Dan.7:13);
- by Jesus Himself (Matt.25:31);
- by Paul (1Tim. 6:14);
- and by angels (Acts 1:10-11).

Christ coming again:

1. To complete the salvation of saints. He delivered us from the power and penalty of sin but then He shall deliver us from the presence of sin and Satan (Heb.9:28).
2. To be glorified and admired in His saints (2Thess.1:10).
3. To bring to light the hidden things of darkness (1 Cor. 4:5).
4. To judge (2Tim. 4:1) and to reign (Rev. 11:15).
5. To receive us to be with Himself (Jn. 14:3)  
and to destroy death (1 Cor. 15:25-26).

### **CLASS ACTIVITY 1:**

The class should discuss why some think that Christ will not come the second time despite the prophecies.

## **2. THE MANNER OF HIS COMING AND ITS SIGNS**

At the rapture, saints will meet Christ in the air (1Thess.4:17); at the revelation, we will descend with Him to the earth.

Christ is coming in the clouds (Matt. 24:30);

in the glory of His Father (Matt. 16:27);

in His own glory (Matt.25:31);

in flaming fire (2Thess.1:8);

with power and great glory (Matt.24:30);

bodily, as He ascended (Acts 1:9-11);

with a shout and voice of the archangel (1Thess. 4:16);

with His saints (1Thess.3:13);

accompanied by angels (Matt.16:27)

and suddenly (Mk.13:36).

2 Timothy 3:1-7 lists 23 signs of His coming, most of which are very evident today.

Matthew 24:5-7, 12-38 also lists 10 signs, which are: the appearance of false Christs; wars and rumours of war; famines; pestilences; earthquakes; iniquity to abound; the love of many will wax cold; people will be eating, drinking, merry-making.

Other signs include: the destruction of Jerusalem (Lk.21:20, 24); the completion of the Church (Rom.11:25); the Gospel must be preached everywhere (Matt.24:14) and the coming of the antichrist (2Thess. 2:3-8).

While we ought to plan and work as if He will not be coming for another century, we must live a holy and pure life all the time as if He will return today (1Thess. 3:12-13).

This most important doctrine must affect our lives.

It should keep us busy, preaching the gospel day in, day out, praying and watching with all perseverance (Eph. 6:18).

## **CONCLUSION: RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL 20 AUGUST 2023**

Christ's second coming is sure and certain (2Pet 3:3-12).

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### **QUESTION**

- When and why will Christ return? Mention some of the signs of His coming.
- Mention some of the signs of His second coming.

## **RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL 20 AUGUST 2023 ASSIGNMENT**

List (5) the ways you are preparing for Christ's return (2x5-10 Marks).

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