

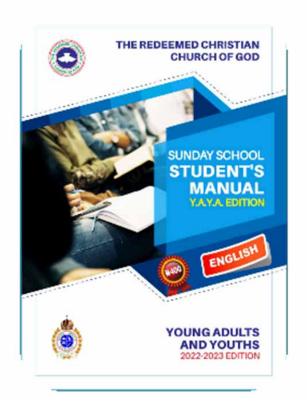
RCCG YAYA SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH 20 AUGUST 2023 STUDENT MANUAL: LESSON 51

Description

This is RCCG YAYA SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH 20 AUGUST 2023 STUDENT MANUAL LESSON FIFTY-ONE (51). The topic is **THE RETURN OF CHRIST**.

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RCCG YAYA SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH 20 AUGUST 2023 (LESSON 51)

TOPIC: THE RETURN OF CHRIST

Note: Check RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN LYRICS

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

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.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 1:11 (NKJV)

Who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.

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: 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 Father 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 HIS SECOND COMING

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

This gives us great 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 (1 Tim. 6:14);

and by angels (Acts 1:10-11).

Christ is coming again:

- 1. To the salvation of saints. He has 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 (2 Tim.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:

Students should say what they have been doing to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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.

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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 wars;
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);
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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).

CLASS ACTIVITY 2:

What are the signs of Christ's second coming that you have seen around you?

CONCLUSION: RCCG YAYA SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH 20 AUGUST 2023

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

QUESTION

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

FURTHER READING

MON: Matt.24:44
TUE: Matt.24:50
WED: Rev.22:20
THUR: 1Cor.16:22
FRI: Rev.1.7

SAT: Matt.24:30SUN: Matt.26:64

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List five ways you are preparing for Christ's return (2×5=10 marks).

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