

Our Redemption is Near!

KJV Luke 21: 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Jesus said when these things **begin**, not **end** we are to **look up** because **our redemption is near**.

What **things** is Jesus referring? I'll explain at the end of the message!

Redemption means to **buy back**, and **change ownership**; taking something out of one person's hands into another's.

The Blood of Jesus purchased our salvation and took us out of the hands of Satan and placed us **in the Hand of God!**

(tonight, I'll talk about what it means to be in The Hand of God)

In the Greek language it means "to lose and set free! It was used for freeing a slave from the pain and chains bondage.

1 Corinthians 7:23 You were bought for a price. Don't become anyone's slaves.

❖ **Luke 21:28** is talking about our **second redemption**, if you will!

The **first redemption** is when we are born again and set free from sin by The Blood of Jesus Christ!

Mat 26:28 for this (Holy Communion) is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Tit 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Satan who is the god/owner of this present world, also owns the **unredeemed** people and everything else on earth. (Luke 4:6)

But Satan no longer owns the believer, the saints; we have been purchased by God through the precious blood of Christ!

Once we are **born again or born from above**, we are no longer of this world we are of foreigners and seated in heavenly places with Christ.

Joh 17:16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Our **connection & affection** for this world **fades** and we begin longing for our **new home**, the place Jesus is preparing for us!

Joh 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

The way we think, our desires and lifestyle are foreign to the world, so it hates us and can **never love us**.

Everything about us is opposite and contrary to the world, so why would we **love** the world?

- **Why are you trying to FIT IN?**

Stop looking for The world to bless you, Jesus already has!

Stop looking for The World to value you, Jesus already does!

I told you I would explain what Jesus meant when He said **“when these things begin look up because our redemption is near”**.

When what things begin? In Matt chp 24 Jesus calls them:

“The Beginning of Sorrows” include six birth pains:

1. **Many false Messiahs**
2. **Wars and rumors of wars**
3. **Race wars**
4. **Famines**
5. **Plagues**
6. **Earthquakes**

It's the time period **just before The Great Tribulation!**

We're in this period right now!

If this is true, we should be **looking up because Jesus is soon to come!**

I have to tell you I am a so called “Pretribulation Believer” that means I believe the saints will be raptured BEFORE The Great Tribulation.

1 Thes 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

We're about to go home, yawl!

- **Our Second Redemption** is about to take place!

Again, the first time Jesus bought and paid for us by His Blood, saving us from the grip of Satan and sin.

This time His **redemption** is from the **Time of Jacob's Trouble!**

This time His redemption is from **The Day of The LORD!**

This time His redemption is from **The Day of God's Vengeance!**

This time His redemption is from **The Great Tribulation the Time of God Wrath!**

Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

It's great to be saved from The Wrath of God, but that's not all there's something even greater.

2 Thes 2:14 And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We don't just escape God's wrath, there's glory in our future!

1 Pet 5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

God The Father not only didn't save us to punish us, He saved us for His eternal glory!

Tell somebody "You've Been Off Punishment for 2000 Years"!

We're under The Grace of God looking for The Glory of God!

KJV Psalm 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

We are to life up our heads because The King of Glory is about to come!

We are to life up our heads because our Redeemer lives, the one who bought and paid for us with His own blood!

The same One who set us free from sin, Satan and the world is about to set us free from this sin sick world and all its suffering!

And bring us into His Glory!