



Sermon Notes: Ready or Not

1. The nature of Christ's return.

- a. It is imminent.
- b. It is unexpected.

2. The division of Christ's return.

- a. Many will suffer punishment on that day.
- b. Many will celebrate a party on that day.

3. The precursor to Christ's return.

- Long before Christ comes to judge sinners, he came to be judged in the place of sinners. Long before he declares anyone guilty, he came to make us innocent.

4. The preparedness for Christ's return.

- a. Live each moment vigilantly.
- b. Live each moment faithfully.
- c. Live each moment repentantly.
- d. Live each moment fruitfully.



Application Questions: Ready or Not

1. If today was your last day...
 - Where would go? What would you do?
 - Who would you want to spend time with?
 - What would you want to say to them?
 - What priorities would change? What would you take more/less seriously?

2. Why do we *not* live as if today could be our last day? What are some philosophical reasons? What are some practical reasons?

3. When (under what types of circumstances) do you tend to think about and pray for the Lord's return? When do you tend to ignore/neglect his return?

4. What do you think/feel when you hear Jesus saying something like, "*I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled*"?

5. How does the First Advent of Christ completely transform how we view the judgment and separation of his Second Advent? Why is it important to talk about both Advents when we present the Gospel and the consequences of rejecting it?

6. In light of the imminent return of Christ, what are some ways you could live...
 - More vigilantly?
 - More faithfully?
 - More repentantly?
 - More fruitfully?

7. Of all the things Christ calls you to be/do, most will be perfected in heaven – except the time-critical responsibility of living on mission and bringing the lost to Christ. Knowing that Jesus could return at any moment, what will you do this week to share his grace with those who are dying without the hope of salvation?