

The Fourfold Gospel consists of:

- Christ our Savior
- Christ the Sanctifier
- Christ the Healer
- Christ the Coming King.

This distinction emphasizes two very important things about Jesus:

- 1.
- 2.

*“You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven” - Mark 14:62*

**The 2nd Advent of Jesus:**

1. Jesus’s return is Imminent.
2. Jesus’s return will be Visible and Physical
3. Jesus’ return will be a reunion

**1. Jesus’s return is Imminent.**

*In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. - John 14:2–3*

*“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.” - Rev 22:7*

*“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. - Rev 22:12*

*He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” - Rev 22:20*

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, - Titus 2:11–13

**Christian Hope has certainty.**

**2. Jesus’ return will be Visible**

A) He will be seen by all.

<sup>30</sup> “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send his angels

*with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.*

**- Mt 24:30–31**

*<sup>3</sup> Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

**- 1 Thess 4:13–18**

**ἄρπαγησόμεθα (harpagēsometha)**

From the root word: **ἄρπάζω - (harpazo)**

Meaning to steal or snatch away, to carry off.

Some terms:

**Rapture** - snatching away

- Pre-Tribulation
- Mid-Tribulation
- Post-Tribulation

**Tribulation** - this is a time of great trouble or suffering

BEFORE the Tribulation = **Pre-Trib**

In the midst of the Tribulation = **Mid-Trib**

AFTER the Tribulation = **Post-Trib**

**Millennial Views**

**1) The "Premillennial" view**

The "Premillennial" view is that after a great apostasy, Christ will return visibly to judge evil, and believers will be raptured (taken into heaven) preceding a 1000-year reign of Christ on earth. Afterward, Jesus will re-create the new heavens/new earth and execute a final judgment. Most Premillennialists interpret the timeline in Revelation 19-21 literally. This is the official stance of the C&MA. This view is common among Evangelical and Fundamentalist Christians in the USA, many of whom also believe the church is the fulfillment of Israel (Rev 20, Isa 64, Zech 14, Rom 11).

**2) The "Amillennial" view**

The "Amillennial" view is a belief that the Kingdom began at Christ's resurrection or ascension; we experience it by faith and only partially on earth, but it will be fully realized at the second coming. God's full

revelation is in both promise and fulfillment (Acts 2:16-21, Heb 1:1-2, 1 Pet 1:20). It views most prophecy and apocalyptic literature as being symbolic and metaphorical (for instance, the "thousand years" in Revelation means "a long time"). This view is common in many Protestant circles, Catholic and Orthodox churches, as well as Anabaptist groups. In fact, this is the view held the longest throughout Church History.

### **3) The "Postmillennial" view**

The "Postmillennial" view presumes Christ will return after a "golden age" of Christendom in which life gets progressively better for an "era" (not a literal 1000 years). The majority of people will be Christians and Christ will reign on earth until the eventual final judgment of all living and dead. Common themes include the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham (Gen 12) and salvation being made known to all nations (Ps 22:27, Ps 67:2, 7; Isa 2:2-3). This view was most common among churches urging social reform in the decades before World War 1.

## **3. Jesus' return will be a Reunion**

### **Christ the King**

What does it mean to have a King?

How do you relate to a King?

How does knowing that Jesus is King define and dictate your life?

### **Submission**

Share how does it look like in your life to live in submission to the King.

### **What is your application today?**