

Will Christ Jesus Find Faith When He Returns?

If you have read the Gospel of Luke, you will find a passage that strikes at our world today. In Luke 18:8, it reads: ***“I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”*** I have been blessed to have lived in the century closest to the Lord Christ Jesus return, and it has been a fascinating century. Most readers have heard the term “Church of Laodicea” addressed by John in the Book of Revelation, 1:11. The name Laodicea is mentioned four other times in Paul’s Epistle to the Colossians - 2:1; 4:13; 4:15, and 4:16. The Laodiceans are mentioned twice in the New Testament – Colossians 4:16 and Revelation 3:14.

The apostle John was instructed to write seven letters to be shared with the seven churches reference in Revelation 2 and 3. Although rejected by those who teach Covenant-Reformed doctrine, the Book of Revelation has a four-level message or understanding. I could have easily added this to my article on “Why the Church is Dying”. I recently began a web page of my own. Check out the link: www.pastorbobreid.com . It contains hundreds of articles on Prophecy, End Times Events, Bible Studies, and Current Events. Everything on the new web page is free, I’m not selling anything. Every week there is usually a new article posted. I have not taken the time to talk about myself, what really matters most are that the content exalts the name of our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus! It’s all about Him and His soon coming, but first the Rapture for His believers. Belief and faith are synonymous!

Luke’s terminology here is speaking to faith or belief in the person of Jesus Christ as the Messiah for mankind. A close friend of mine lives in central California near the Pacific Ocean, who loves the Lord deeply and prays for her family and friends to the point of exhaustion and frustration. As I was reading the list, I immediately thought it was the work of The Barna Research, a monitor of religious trends, but I was surprised to discover it was from a source I was unfamiliar with. This astonishing document came from a site I just learned of: *“Revival Outside the Wall”* – www.rotw.com. I encourage you to visit their web page. It is a breath of fresh air in an era where mainline denominations have lost their purpose to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. About a decade ago, the mainline Protestant denominations collectively chose not to evangelize the world on behalf of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The fact is that the modern day “church of Laodicea” is magnified by the astonishing decline of the Christian faith in America today. This is as true in most of the countries of Europe as well. Surprisingly the Christian Church in China flourishes under brutal tyranny of China’s leader, **Xi Jinping** (pronounced Shee Chin-ping) leader of the Communist Party of China.

1. 34% of all U. S. adults don’t believe in the Virgin birth.
2. Only 22% of American men and 33% of American women said they depend on Jesus Christ to overcome sin.

3. 13% of Americans agree that Mohammed was the holy prophet of God, even though Muslims comprise only 1% of the U. S. population.
4. 52% of all “Christians” believe that non-Christian faiths can lead to eternal life.
5. 2 out of 3 Christians (65%) say it is better to share your faith by the way you live, rather than to speak about it.
6. 72% of the unchurched believe the Church is filled with hypocrites.
7. 65% of Americans say that even though everyone sins a little bit, most people are good by nature.
8. 37% of Evangelicals believe that God will always reward true faith with material blessings.
9. One in four pastors (25%) say that meeting a person’s physical needs takes priority over telling them about Jesus
10. More than half of all young people (ages 18-24) don’t believe the Bible is God’s inspired word.
11. Almost half of all faith sharers (45%) never share their story of how they came to Christ.
12. A Christian is killed for their faith every 6 minutes, somewhere in the world.
13. Atheists and Agnostics scored 15% higher on their knowledge about religion than Evangelical Christians taking the Pews Religious Knowledge Survey.
14. Only half of all the teenagers who grew up in a “Christian Home” had regular family conversations about God.
15. While 1 in 4 Americans are done with church, half of all Americans (48%) are done with God. Known as post-Christian, they say that God plays no role whatsoever in their life.
16. One in five Americans (19%) say Polygamy--having multiple spouses at the same time—is morally acceptable.
17. Americans trust in faith leaders and pastors fell to a record low of 37%, ranking below multiple medical professions, teachers, and police and just above journalists.
18. 93% of practicing Christians aren’t comfortable to have a conversation about the Lord with their own grandchildren.
19. Two-thirds of all American churches are experiencing (1) no growth and (2) a decline in numbers.
20. 69% of churchgoers believe that everyone will go to heaven.
21. 59% of Millennials believe that pornography is morally acceptable.
22. Almost one-third of Evangelicals attend church out of obligation.
23. Half of all Americans have never read the Bible.
24. 24 of 25 Millennials don’t have a Biblical worldview.
25. 70% of those attending church one or more times a month never share their faith with a stranger.
26. One in four Evangelicals are not certain that the physical resurrection of Jesus was a real historical event.
27. 51% of U.S. churchgoers say they’ve never heard of the term, “The Great Commission”.
28. 51% of Americans say the Bible was written for each person to interpret as he or she chooses.
29. 70% unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.

30. 65% of American churches have a weekly attendance of less than 100 people, including children.
31. 46% of Evangelicals agree that God accepts the worship of all religions.
32. 51% of churchgoers don't believe that sharing their faith is an essential obligation of their Christian life.
33. 77% of all Americans believe that personal salvation is a result of good works.
34. Nearly half of young Evangelicals (ages 18-29) favor same-sex marriage.
35. More than 30% churchgoers say they have never felt God's Presence during a service.
36. 70% of all young people who grow up in church leave the church by their 20's.
37. 44% of U.S. adults say that God plays no role whatsoever in their life.
38. 65% of all "Christians" believe there are multiple paths to Heaven.
39. 30% of all Americans believe after they die, God will give them a 2nd chance.
40. Almost 50% of all Evangelicals, 18-29 years of age, favor same sex marriage.
41. Two thirds of those who are 18-34 years of age, do not believe pre-marital sex is ever wrong.
42. 62% of all churches in America are having no growth or declines in their congregations.
43. 65% of all churches in America have less than 100 people in their congregations including children.
44. More than 2 million people have left the church every year for the past 7 years.
45. In just 8 years, the percentage of the U.S. population calling themselves Christians has decreased from 78% to 70%.
46. 31% of all young adults, who have grown up in church, have left the church because "it was boring".
47. More than 30% of those attending church say they have never felt God's Presence during a service.
48. 50% of those in church last Sunday cannot remember a single spiritual insight from that sermon.
49. 55% of those attending church at least once a month have not had a 'born again' experience.
50. More than 50% of all Evangelicals believe there is more than one way to Heaven.
51. 75% of regular church attenders do not believe that sharing their faith is important.

Blessings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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