

One of the prime responsibilities of a righteous ruler and judge is that wrong should be rectified, and right vindicated publicly. A ruler's judgment must not only be just, but it must also appear to be just in the eyes of all His subjects. If Jesus never returned to this world, a million wrongs would never be righted, a million virtues would never be vindicated, and a million questions about the justice of God would never be answered.

Rev. 6 : 10: "How long, O Lord, dost Thou not judge and avenge?"

Luke 18 : 7, 8: "Shall not God avenge His own elect?"

By the Second Coming of Christ, God will begin the public exposure and condemnation of evil, and the public vindication of truth and righteousness.

Matt. 25 : 31-34: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory."

When Jesus comes, He will raise the dead. He will judge the world. He will destroy for ever the power of Satan, sin and death. He will reverse the tragic story of Genesis 3. He will cleanse the stricken earth, and restore it to its original loveliness. Thus He will complete the great Bridge of Redemption. Then He will say to His faithful servants: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25 : 34).

Conclusion Why do you think God has given us a chance to hear this wonderful Gospel story?

Because He wants us to take the step of faith that will put our feet firmly on to the Gospel Bridge!

How do we do this? By reading our own names into the promises of God, and making a personal application of these seven great facts to our own lives. This is what it means to receive Christ as a personal Saviour.

Before we close this Bible lesson, will you join in this personal expression of faith, repeating it clause by clause?

Christ took human flesh for me, that He might live in me today.

Christ lived a sinless life for me, that I might share His victory over evil.

Christ died for me, to pay the penalty for my sin.

Christ rose from the dead for me, to guarantee my resurrection from the tomb.

Christ ascended for me, to be my Advocate in the presence of God.

Christ pleads His blood for me, that my sins might be forgiven.

Christ will come again for me, to take me to heaven.