

The Greatest Promise Ever Given To Mankind

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Recently while reading an article written by a friend, I came across this statement: "We are ambassadors for *the heavenly kingdom of Christ*" (2Co 5:20, cf. 2Tim 4:18)" which in turn prompted me to look up "ambassador" in several dictionaries. Each one supplied essentially the same definition as below:

"am·bas·sa·dor [am bássədər, am bássə dàwr]
(plural am·bas·sa·dors)

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1. diplomatic representative: a diplomatic official of the highest rank sent by one country as its long-term representative to another
2. official representative: an official representative of an organization or movement
visiting this country as an ambassador for a fund dedicated to saving endangered species

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If we truly are ambassadors for the heavenly kingdom of Jesus Christ, then it is a given that we are away from home in another country representing our home country.

That would certainly mean that an ambassador would not be living in the "kingdom/country" from which he is an ambassador; but would, in fact, be living in a different country/kingdom than the one which he represents.

In the first century, Paul declared:

For our citizenship/community is in heaven; from whence also we look for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (Php 3:20)

Thus, according to Paul the citizenship of the first century Christians" is in heaven." Heaven is their home country, but they were not yet there. In the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul and Timothy state that they are functioning as ambassadors of the heavenly kingdom to first century Corinthians and other first century humans.

However, Paul clearly asserts, that **there, then, in that first century, they**, Paul and other first century followers of Jesus Christ, were looking for their Savior to

come from heaven to earth to receive them into His heavenly kingdom [2Tim 4:18] in fulfillment of His promise to them before He returned to the Father:

Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world *and go* unto the Father...“Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, **Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you...” Where I go, thou can not follow me now; but **thou shalt follow me afterwards**. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many dwelling places: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you**. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, (in my heavenly kingdom [2Tim 4:18]) ye may be also**. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. “ I go to my Father, and *during that time* ye see me no more; “A little while ye shall not see me: **but after a little while, ye shall see me again, because I go to the Father and will return...** then I will see you again. I came forth from the Father, and came into the world, now I leave this world and go to the Father. I pray the father...that they also whom Thou has given me be with me *in my heavenly kingdom* [2Tim 4:18] that they may behold my glory, **which Thou has given Me.**” [Matt 16:27-28; Mark 8:38-9:1; Luke 9:26-27] (selected portions of Jesus statement to His first century followers from the fourth Gospel, chapters 13-17)**

Above is, without equivocation, the greatest promise that Mankind has ever been given and it was given by Jesus Christ in the first century AD to His first century apostles and disciples

In **the clear light** of the above promise: Fellow countrymen, neighbors, friends, and yes, even enemies, I have a few very simple questions for you:

1. Was the expectation of Paul, the other apostles, and those of the first century whom they taught this great truth **valid** or **not valid**? (Choose one or the other)
2. Did Jesus **teach them the truth** about His going to the Father, to prepare a place for them **or not**?

3. Did Jesus **teach them the truth** about His return to them after a *little while* to receive them unto Himself in His heavenly kingdom *or not?*
4. Because the Bible is inspired truth, there can be NO doubt that Jesus did teach His disciple the material quoted above; so the simple question is -- Did **Jesus tell them the truth** or *did He not tell them the truth* about these things?
5. In the light of the above -- did **Jesus fulfill, in a timely manner within the “this generation” of the first century AD, His promise** to His first century apostles and disciples of His going/returning to the Father, being gone for **a little while**, and returning, after a little while, to receive them (the first century disciples to whom these promises were actually made) unto Himself and take them into His heavenly kingdom with Him that they may behold His Glory and be with Him forever---- or *did He not fulfill His promise to these first century disciples in a timely manner* within the first century AD?

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The teaching by the Christian churches that Jesus Christ ***did not*** fulfill this very clear and certain promise of His timely return (i.e. within the first century AD) to His first century people, to receive them to Himself that they might all live together with Him in His heavenly kingdom is the greatest hoax, fraud, deception, fable, yes even religio-science fiction that has ever been foisted upon the mankind.

Amazed in His Grace,

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FULFILLED IN THE FIRST CENTURY AD !

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many dwelling places: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And as I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that you may be with Me in where I am, in My heavenly kingdom ye may be also. And where I go ye know, and the way ye know.” (Fourth Gospel 14:1-4; 2Tim 4:18)