

*So also when you see all these things, you know that He is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Matthew 24: 33-34 (ESV)*

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#### ARE YOU READY?

Perhaps it's my age, but I find my thoughts focusing more on the Second Coming of Jesus. Recently, I attended a gathering of Christians where Anne Graham Lotz spoke. Looking at what is happening in the world, she expressed her belief that Jesus will return in her generation, as she is in her mid-70's. It is her perspective that Jesus is coming soon. Matthew 24 lists events that will occur before Jesus comes again. It suggests that right before His coming these events will accelerate: many will claim to be Christ, nations in conflict, natural disasters, and religious persecution with the rise of antisemitism. Our 24/7 news coverage, might contribute to this perception, but it does seem like these events are occurring more frequently. I recognize that every generation has had people making this claim, so we should take the reporting of these events with caution. I am also aware that there is not universal agreement across Christianity about all end times events.

Universal agreement exists that Jesus is coming back as the Athanasian Creed claims: "At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of our own deeds." Whether the Second Coming occurs in my lifetime or not, I can be sure He is coming for me in my lifetime. Since I do not know whether I will have a tomorrow, the title of this article applies to me as well as my readers. Jesus says, "Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33(ESV). He expects us to be faithful while he is gone and to be working when he returns.

If we live with the expectation that he will return tomorrow, we will always be ready. That's the way I want to live my life. Always ready for his return but also fully engaged in doing those things He calls me to do as His ambassador, as well as working as if I have a future here for now. Always looking forward to the sweet by and by—before long, in a short time. As the Bible reminds us, He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

To remind us of what's ahead, I close with the stanza from the song "In the Sweet By and By," by Sanford Filmore Bennett.

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare a dwelling place there.  
Refrain:  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
Verse:  
We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blessed;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more.

Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.  
Verse:  
To our bountiful Father above,  
We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days.

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## Join us for prayer! Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 5:00 pm ET



### AGENDA

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday except when the meeting date falls on a holiday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at [Office@cpfi.org](mailto:Office@cpfi.org). She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, June 22, 2025** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Director Emeritus

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