

# ***The Reward for Jesus and Believers***

***International Bible Lesson***

**Revelation 22:11-21**

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*“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done” (Revelation 22:12).*

Through John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit called people to prepare for Jesus' first coming and many did: they received Jesus gladly and He gave them eternal life. Through John the Apostle, Jesus called people to prepare for His second coming: those who do will “continue to be holy” (Revelation 22:11) Today, Jesus' second coming seems ever closer. When Jesus comes, His reward will come with Him as John and Isaiah wrote: “See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him” (Isaiah 40:10). What is Jesus' reward? His reward is those He died on the cross to save, those who have died on earth before His second coming, the Church that now worships God in heaven, often called “the bride of Christ.” Every follower of Jesus Christ can look upon themselves as a reward that Jesus has won as the result of His dying and rising again on their behalf. Jesus' sacrifice and suffering for them inspires believers to love Jesus beyond measure. Their love for Jesus moves Christians to sacrifice and serve Him in ways that demonstrate the work of the Holy Spirit within them. Though we do not emphasize this fact often, Jesus has rewards for “each person according to what they have done.” Eternal life is the free gift from Jesus for those who follow Him in faith. Similar to the reward Jesus received, the reward for those who have eternal life will be believers in heaven, because they sacrificed, prayed, gave, and shared the truth about Jesus.

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## Thinking Further

1. What warning or hope do people receive from Revelation 22:11?
2. How does Revelation 22:12 encourage you?
3. What are three names or descriptions of God that Jesus applied to himself in Revelation 22:13?
4. How did Jesus describe or reveal His human nature?
5. What will happen to the person who adds to the scroll (the Bible) or takes away from it (the Bible)?