

Three Sudden Birthdays

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. . ." Revelation 22:20

INTRODUCTION:

We've enjoyed singing that grand old hymn "Christ returneth" with these words in it, "Oh Lord Jesus how long, how long ere we shout the glad song, Christ returneth." How much longer must we wait for that soul thrilling time known to the believer as the "Rapture?" We don't know, but we do know it can't be far off for we are witnessing unusual events in the atmosphere and weird happenings among earth's population, and all indicative of *His soon return* — 2 Tim. 3:1-13.

The believer has not been told to set dates as to our Lord's return, but rather to walk about in "Shoe leather Christianity" looking for and expecting His soon return (Titus 2:13) and proving it by his daily walk. Scripture says: "for ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a *little while*, and He that *shall come*, will come, and will not tarry." Hebrews 10:36-37.

God takes a long time (in our estimation) in planning something, but when it comes time to execute His plan to put it into operation, it is done with lightning speed. Note three separate birthdays and the rapidity in which they occurred. Note the word "suddenly" in each of the three passages of Scripture:

1. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WAS SUDDEN:

"and *suddenly* there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Luke 2:11-14

Leaf the pages of the Bible back thousands of years to the Book of Genesis to see God's promise of the redeemer, our Lord — Genesis 3:15. The promise was made a long time back but kept. It happened "*suddenly*" and with perfect timing, for we read in Galatians 4:4, "But when the fulness of the time was come (God's timing), God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

2. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH WAS SUDDEN:

"and *suddenly* there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." Acts 2:1-8

Again, leaf the pages of your Bible and see God's promise of a gift, the church in Matthew 16:18

"... I will build my church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it."
That promise was made and kept. It happened "*suddenly*." The church of the living God is made up of stones (ye also, as living stones — 1 Peter 2:5), believers as stones of all colors, red, black, tan, white, yellow, etc. We are stones, He is the Rock — 1 Cor. 10:4.

3. THE BIRTH (spiritual) OF THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS SUDDEN:

"and as he (Saul who became Paul) journeyed, he came near Damascus: and *suddenly* there shined round about him a light from heaven." Acts 9:1-6.

That light was Christ our Blessed Lord. See John 8:12 where He is referred to as the Light of the world. See Rev. 21:23 where He lights up the courts of Glory with His brightness and where there will be no need of any artificial light. See 2 Thess. 2:8 where He destroys the anti-Christ with the brightness of His coming. We may pray years for the salvation of unsaved loved ones and friends, but when they do get saved, they are saved *suddenly*. God is right on target at the right time with *infinite accuracy*. Keep on praying and witnessing,

**KEEP ON KEEP ON KEEP ON
EVERLASTINGLY AT IT.**



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