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## Advent Reflection - Jesus' Second Coming

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

ADVENT: Ready or not - Jesus shall come to judge the living and the dead. That is what we believe and profess! He comes in order to restore all things in Himself, in His all-consuming love. So, the question is: Are you and your loved ones ready for his coming? My friends, we are talking about is - "the end game" - our "exit interview." Our destiny, our eternity, will be of our choosing. It's up to us! We must decide; for there are only two choices: heaven or hell.

So the question is: "Have you been reconciled with God, the Church and yourself?" Have you taken to heart Jesus' command: "Repent and believe in the good news? Let's not forfeit this graced time of Christ's visitation - his mercy. Now is the time of salvation and conversion! In this Season of Advent, let us proclaim, with open hearts: "Come Lord, Jesus!" "Come soon!"

Brothers and sisters, believers and non-believers, those who have fallen away from the Truth, take note: He, Who is God, the Lord of Life, is coming back for you and for me. He has given his life to save us from sin and eternal death through his passion, death and resurrection. He has truly set us free! As we anticipate the promise of his Second Coming, may God grant us many graces during this special Season of Promise and Hope - Advent.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Cotta