

THE RAPTURE: THE BLESSED HOPE OF THE CHURCH (PART 2)

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*“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, **I will come and get you**, so that you will always be with me where I am.” John 14:1-3 (NLT)*

What The Bible Teaches About The Rapture...

1. The Rapture Is a **Biblical Promise**, Not a Human Invention

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 (NLT)

2. The Rapture Is About **Hope, Not Fear**

- 1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NLT)

3. The Rapture Includes **Supernatural Transformation**

- 1 Corinthians 15: 51-52 (NLT)

4. The Rapture & the Second Coming Are **Related, But Distinct**

*“Then I saw **heaven opened**, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 **The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.** 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron*

rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.” Revelation 19:11-16 (NLT)

*“Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And **everyone will see him**— even those who pierced him.” Revelation 1:7 (NLT)*

5. The Rapture Happens **Before the Day of Wrath**

*“For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.” Matthew 24:21 (ESV)*

*“Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, **I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world**, to try those who dwell on the earth.” Revelation 3:10*

6. The Rapture Calls Us To **Holiness & Readiness**

*“For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. ¹² And **we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,** ¹³ **while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day** when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.” Titus 2:11-13 (NLT)*

*“We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 **All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.**” 1 John 3:2-3 (NIV)*

*“So you, too, **must keep watch!** For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming... **You also must be ready all the time.**” Matthew 24:42-44 (NLT)*