

The Rapture



Lord's Day, December 12, 2021

The soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

- The Rapture is the next event on God's calendar, nothing needs to happen before the Rapture of the Church.
 - The Rapture is referred to in 19 verses in the New Testament.
 - The Rapture means to "seize hastily or snatch away", in the twinkling of an eye
 - Saints are caught up to meet the Lord in the air and it is imminent.
 - The Rapture comes before the wrath of God is poured out on this earth.
 - 1 Thess 1:10, Rev 3:10
 - The Second Coming of Jesus is referenced in some 1800 verses in Old Testament and New Testament.
 - The wicked are removed in judgement at the climax of God's wrath at the end of the 7 year tribulation. Matt 24, Luke 21 and Rev 6-18
 - The Lord Jesus returns to earth with His saints Rev 19:11-16
 - The Lord Jesus Christ will rule in righteousness over this earth for 1000 years.

Why is this such an important Doctrine?

- Peace.....John 14:1-3
- Comfort...1 Thess 4:13-17
- Encouragement....1 Thess 4:18 and 5:11
- Rejoice/Do not be anxious.....Philippians 4:4-6
- Patient/Establish your hearts.....James 5:8
- Zeal.....Titus 2:11-14
- Direction.....1 Cor 15:50-58
- Purifies....1 John 2:28-3:3
- Promise...Rev 22:20



Therefore, my beloved brethren
be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that your toil
is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

