

Rapture: The Blessed Hope of Believers

Bible Study #1 – May 6, 2021



Introduction

1. The _____ of this study
2. The _____ of Eschatology (Isaiah 46:9-10)
3. It's all about God's _____!

What is the Rapture?

1. Rapture > rapturo (Latin) > harpazo (Greek) = _____
2. "The Rapture of the church, which is the first phase of Christ's coming, is the intersection of two events: the resurrection of the dead, specifically only believers, & the transformation of living believers. They will be immediately in Jesus' glorious presence & He will escort them to heaven to live with Him forever." (The End, Mark Hitchcock, p125)
3. Only church-age believers will be resurrected when the Rapture occurs (1 Thess. 4:16). The primary purpose of the Rapture is to bring the _____ to an end.
4. Key texts: John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

What does the Bible teach about the Rapture?

1. The Lord doesn't want us to _____ (1 Thess. 4:13)
2. The truth is given to us by a _____ Lord (1 Thess. 4:15)
3. Jesus promised to return for _____ (John 14:1-3). The Lord Jesus will come to remove His bride and escort her back to the Father's house.
4. The doctrine of the Rapture is _____ or sacred secret (1 Cor. 15:51-52)
5. Jesus will leave heaven with a _____ (1 Thess. 4:16a)
6. The _____ of God will sound (1 Cor. 15:51-52)
7. The dead in Christ _____ with new bodies (1 Thess. 4:16b)
8. Living believers will be _____ to meet Christ in the air (1 Thess. 4:17a)

9. Living believers will receive _____ bodies (1 Cor. 15:52b-54)
10. The Rapture takes place in _____ of an eye (1 Cor. 15:51-52a)
11. Believers will be with the Lord _____ (1 Thess. 4:17b)
12. The purpose of these truths is _____ believers (1 Thess. 4:18)

_____ **the Rapture going to take place?**

1. Pre-tribulation Rapture view
2. Mid-tribulation Rapture view
3. Post-tribulation Rapture view
4. Partial Rapture view
5. Pre-wrath Rapture view

Conclusion/Next Steps

1. I will _____ the Bible as true and reliable
2. I will find _____ and hope in these truths
3. I will be _____ by the hope of the Rapture (2 Tim. 4:8; 1 John 3:1-3)

Favorite Resources

1. The End, Mark Hitchcock
2. Amir Tsarfati teachings and books, Beholdisrael.org, Israel and the Church

Discussion questions

1. Do you consider the Rapture an essential doctrine, a conviction, or an opinion? Why?
2. Do you agree the love of God is the core of the doctrine of the Rapture? Why or why not?
3. What new things did you learn about the Rapture today?
4. What questions did our study today raise in your mind?