



Upcoming Events

UWF SPRING FUNDRAISER

Fashion Show – Salad & Dessert Buffet – Silent Auction

Saturday, May 4 – Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets on Sale Now!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS & LUNCH

Sunday, May 5 at 11:45 a.m.

Sign up with our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org

TROY METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST & PROGRAM

Saturday, May 11 – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Open to all guys!

See our website for more information – troymc.org/events



Message Notes

April 28, 2024

You Asked For It: What should I know about “the rapture”?

Matthew 24:36-41; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 3:10

The Rapture - a future event when some believe Jesus will secretly return to take believers to heaven before a period of great tribulation that will fall upon the earth. All this comes before Jesus' true second coming when he establishes his Kingdom reign.

What is the stance of the GMC? There is no stance. Refer to the following questions/answers in the GMC catechism for our beliefs about the “end times”. #15, #35, and #77 - summarized here:

- Jesus will come again in glory
- His Kingdom will have no end
- There will be a resurrection of the dead
- It will be a bodily resurrection

History of Rapture Theology:

- 1830 - Margaret MacDonald had a “rapture” vision during a revival in Scotland
- John Nelson Darby carried this belief/teaching to the UK and USA in the 1900s
- These teachings caught fire during the suffering of the Civil War
- This Dispensational theology was further proliferated through the Scofield Reference Bible, Moody Bible Institute, and Dallas Theological Seminary
- Rapture conversations and thought have found even more life since the 1990s with the Left Behind book series by Tim LaHaye & Jerry B. Jenkins as well as subsequent movies

Is “the rapture” in the Bible?

- Matthew 24:36-41 - You actually want to be left behind!
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - We will join Jesus in the clouds as he COMES TO EARTH!
- Revelation 3:10 - Jesus may sustain us through suffering, but the Bible tells us to expect to suffer for our faith.