

The Rapture | Anchored

WEEK TEN | PASTOR BOB JOHNSTON

The Rapture and Second Coming:

There's a difference between the Rapture and Second Coming.

In the rapture:

- ◇ Christ comes FOR His saints.
- ◇ It takes place in the air.
- ◇ Believers go from earth to heaven.
- ◇ Jesus comes to reward His people
- ◇ Jesus claims His bride.

In the 2nd Coming:

- ◇ Christ comes WITH His saints.
- ◇ Takes place on earth.
- ◇ Believers go from heaven to earth.
- ◇ Jesus comes to judge the earth.
- ◇ Jesus comes with His bride.

Other raptures in the Scriptures:

- ◇ Enoch – Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5
- ◇ Elijah – II Kings 2:11
- ◇ Jesus – Acts 1:9

The Apostle Paul taught the “rapture.”

- ◇ I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- ◇ II Corinthians 5:8
- ◇ Acts 7:60
- ◇ I Thessalonians 4:15-16

Apostle John's vision (Revelation 4)

- ◇ The Absence of the “Church”
- ◇ The “Open Door” in Heaven
- ◇ The Sound like a ‘Trumpet’
- ◇ The invitation of ‘Come Up Here’
- ◇ The Return of the Saints with Christ

SCRIPTURES

I Corinthians 15:51

Revelation 22:12

I Corinthians 15:52-53

I Corinthians 15:55-57

Philippians 3:20-21

QUOTES

“Rapture in Greek is hapazo, which means a catching away.”

According to scripture, signs of the end times include wars, famine, natural disasters, rampant immorality, persecution of Christians, and the wide-spread message of the Gospel.

1. Do you believe we are seeing some of these signs today? Explain.
2. The term “rapture” is not in scripture, however the event is implied in some key verses. Read the following verses and determine why we believe there is a rapture of the Church: (I Corinthians 15:51; Revelation 22:12; I Corinthians 15:52-53; I Corinthians 15:55-57; Philippians 3:20-21)
3. Pastor Bob mentioned other “raptures” in scripture. Take a look at these examples, and discuss how the final rapture will be similar and/or different.
Read about these other raptures here: -
- Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5 (Enoch)
- II Kings 2:11 (Elijah)
- Acts 1:9 (Jesus)
4. Pastor Bob made note that the rapture and second coming of Christ are two distinct events. What makes them different, and why are they important to understand?



In light of knowing Christ will return for His people, as he promised, how should we live?

- ◇ **What is the next step of your walk in faith?**
- ◇ **Where is God leading you?**
- ◇ **How can your small group, family, friends support you and hold you accountable in this?**

