

Diagram 5 "Rapture and Second Coming Comparison"

The nature of events at Christ's posttribulational coming ([Mat 24:31](#)) radically differs from that of the rapture ([1Th 4:16-17](#)).

RAPTURE	SECOND COMING
1. Christ gathers His own (1Th 4:16-17)	Angels gather the elect (Mat 24:31)
2. Resurrection is prominent (1Th 4:15-16)	No mention of resurrection
3. Christ comes to reward (1Co 3:11-17 ; 2Co 5:10)	Christ comes to judge (Mat 25:31-46)
4. Believers depart the earth (1Th 4:15-17)	Unbelievers are taken away (Mat 24:37-41)
Unbelievers remain on the earth (implied)	Believers remain on the earth (Mat 25:34)
5. No talk of setting up the kingdom	Clear talk of Christ coming to set up a kingdom (Mat 25:31,34)
6. Believers receive glorified bodies (1Co 15:51-57)	No one receives glorified bodies
7. Christ comes in the air (1Th 4:17)	Christ comes on the earth (Mat 25:31-32)
<i>Additionally, parables in Matthew 13 confirm differences between the rapture and the final event of Christ's second coming.</i>	
8. Believers are removed from among unbelievers (1Th 4:15-17)	Tares (unbelievers) taken out from among the wheat (believers) (Mat 13:30, 40)
9. Believers are removed from among unbelievers (1Th 4:17)	The bad fish (unbelievers) removed from among the good fish (Mat 25:31-32)