

The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown

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I Thessalonians 5:9-11

1. People operate in either _____ or ignorance.
2. We are in a world of _____ and surprise.
3. We live in a world of soberness and _____.

"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
(I Thessalonians 5:9-11)

- We live in a world of _____ and judgement.

Reasons to believe in the rapture of the church:

- A. The very nature of the _____.

"And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."
(Colossians 1:18)

- B. The nature of the _____.

"Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth." (Revelation 3:10)

- C. The promise of Jesus Christ's _____ return.

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."
(I John 4:9)

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"
(Philippians 4:4)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
(Romans 10:13)

What does all of this show us?

- A. It shows us the _____.

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;"
(Philippians 2:5-6)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5)

- Jesus used His heavenly privileges for the sake of _____.

- Adam and Eve thought only of themselves. Jesus Christ _____
Himself to the cradle, because of others, us.

B. We see the _____.

"rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." (Philippians 2:7)

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

C. We have the cradle, we have the Cross, and then the _____.

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

- When we bow before our Lord Jesus now, it means Salvation. To bow before Him at the Judgement, means _____.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (I Peter 5:6)

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