



July 27th, 2025 "The Departure"

-LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD-

2 Peter 3:14 -18

The pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church is one of the most exciting, encouraging, and widely accepted promises in all of scripture, as it is called the "Blessed Hope." *Titus 2:12-13*

✦ The word "rapture" comes from the Latin verb "rapio" meaning "to _____ up" or "to _____ away."

The Rapture of the Church is a future event where Jesus will descend from Heaven, snatch up His followers from the earth, and take them into Heaven.

✦ **Why should Christians understand the Rapture?**

1. It's a symbol of _____ in a world shrouded by darkness.
2. It's a strong _____ to stay prepared and to share the gospel.
3. It's a source of _____ and encouragement during tough times.

✦ The Rapture promises us two things:

Promise #1: Jesus will come back to get us.

We don't have to be troubled about the future, simply trust God, and trust in what Jesus has promised us. **John 14:1-3**

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Being a Christian means being at peace in our hearts, knowing that we are ready to meet Jesus.

✦ At the Rapture, Jesus comes in the air **for** His saints. At the Second Coming, He returns to the earth **with** His saints.

The Rapture is not just a future event but a source of present-day _____.

Because Jesus is central to the promise of the rapture; His resurrection guarantees the future resurrection of believers.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Promise #2: Salvation from the wrath to come.
Revelation 3:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

2 Timothy 4:7,8, Luke 21:38, John 14:6.

"If I knew that Jesus would return tomorrow, I would plant a tree today."
~Martin Luther

Answers: catch, snatch, hope, motivator, comfort, encouragement.

**all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*