

- *1 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. Revelation 4:1-2*

- **The Rapture**

- *Rapture- Transported, extreme joy, ecstasy, to snatch away.*

- *Over 20% of bible devoted prophecy. 5x as many 2nd coming than 1st*

- *1 out of every 30 verses in the Bible mentions the subject of the end times or of Christ's return.*

- *In the New Testament there are 216 chapters. In those 216 chapters there are well over 300 references to the return of Christ.*

- **THIS IS THE PROMISE WE HAVE AS CHRISTIANS**

- **CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN.**

- Look forward to return—unless you are engaged to be married.

- *16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 7Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

- Trumpet sounds, Michael archangel cries out, Lord shouts!

- **Greatest victory demands the greatest shout!**

- Dead in Christ

- **This is what happens whenever He SHOUTS!**

- Lazarus, Calvary, The Rapture

- **After this- Judgement on the world...**

• *1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:1-5*

• **I'm going to a party... But Not everyone is invited!**

• **Sorrow**

• **Sorrow or grief of any kind.**

• It speaks of the all the pains, troubles and heartaches we experience in this life.

• Disappointments, trials, problems, loss of friends and property, death of loved ones, persecutions, our own failures, all are in view here.

• **Crying**

• **An outburst or an outcry.**

• It refers to those times when we are absolutely overwhelmed and broken by the events of life. Times when we are at the very end of our ropes and don't know what to do!

• **Life may trouble you here, but it cannot follow you home!**

• **Pain**

• **This word refers to "toil or great trouble."**

• It refers to all the diseases, disappointments and disasters we encounter as we move through this world.

• Not at this party.

- *No hospitals, no broken homes, no broken hearts, no trials and no tribulation will go with us to glory!*

- **Tears**

- **I believe we'll have a memory in Heaven. Just a different perspective.**

- **BUT ONE OF THESE DAYS!!!!**

- *Finally, the moment! Can you envision it? Heaven! We're about to enter His presence! We don't deserve it. We haven't earned it. We may even surprise the angels. Angels are making the music. The music is like none we've ever heard. You hear familiar voices. Family, friends come to welcome you. Suddenly, silence. A light, blinding light. Soon, we will walk with Him, talk with Him, and worship before Him. Soon God, the Author of Life and Composer of Hope, will speak our name—a new name—a name totally our own to be ours alone for all the days we spend in Heaven. . . . our highest hope. It's the end of the journey. It's an eternal*

family reunion. It's the beginning of eternal life. It's the moment you don't want to miss.

- ***I CAN ONLY IMAGINE***

- **SIN, Death, DEVIL**

- **Heaven is a place we *can forfeit* or *gain*.**

- ***I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. Deuteronomy 13:9***

- *Have you ever thought about how much time we spend getting ready?*

- **We're more prepared for vacation than eternity.**

- I believe if Christ were to come again right now, some of us would be raptured, but others, would be left behind.

- **There will be a family reunion in heaven, but there is going to be one in hell**

- *And won't it be some meeting- while there's rejoicing in heaven, there will be weeping and crying in hell saying why did you influence me?*
- **If you're not washed in the blood you will go to hell**
- ***Many people who think they are born again cause they got baptized as a child, good person... will be deceived in that tragic hour.***
- ***“Set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven” Colossians 3:1-2 NLT***
- *Imagine boarding a plane for your dream vacation when suddenly the pilot announces, “Welcome aboard. After take-off we'll serve you a wonderful meal and do all we can to make your flight enjoyable. However, I need to tell you—we have no destination. That's right; we're just going to keep flying until we run out of fuel and drop into*

the ocean.” No matter how wonderful the journey is, what's the point if there's no destination?

- *Our hearts tell us that there's more to this life than this life. **THINK ABOUT HEAVEN!***
 - ***If Heaven is real then ACT LIKE IT!***
- ***Bird with a piece of sand...***
- ***And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:3***
- *Saige Rollercoaster*
 - **Born once—die twice. Born twice—die once.**