they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

# CONCLUSION

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ Today!

#### **HEBREWS 9:27–28**

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

## 2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ Every Day!

1 THESSALONIANS 4:18

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

## LUKE 21:28

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

IOB 7:6

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ Every Day!

## **PSALM 39:4**

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

# PSALM 90:12

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. IAMES 4:14-17

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. 17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.



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# JESUS RAPTURES HIS CHURCH

THE REVELATION OF IESUS CHRIST

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# INTRODUCTION

## **REVELATION 4:1-2**

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

## **REVELATION 1:19**

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

## TITUS 2:11-13

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

# 1. JESUS PERSONALLY PROMISED TO \_\_\_\_\_\_

# JOHN 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

# 2. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS TOLD TO

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

See also 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-58, PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21, JAMES 5:7-8

# 3. GOD HAS PROMISED TO SAVE US FROM \_\_\_\_\_

#### LUKE 21:36

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

#### 2 PETER 2:9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

#### **REVELATION 3:10**

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

# 4. THE CHURCH IS ABSENT DURING THE \_\_\_\_\_

#### REVELATION 1:11, 20

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea... 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

#### REVELATION 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. [...]

#### **REVELATION 2:23**

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

# 5. THE CHURCH IS IN HEAVEN BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_

#### **REVELATION 19:1-9**

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God. ... 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are