



Our Blessed Hope

"I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:3)

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The Mystery of Christ's Return for the Church

Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

1. 15:50 - How does Paul describe the resurrected body?
2. Can we enter God's kingdom with our sin nature?
3. What will it mean to have an incorruptible body?
4. What mystery is revealed to us in verse 51?
5. Where does the term "rapture" come from?
6. Why didn't God reveal the rapture in Old Testament times?
7. 15:51-52 - What does "sleep" mean here?
8. So what does it mean that we will not all sleep when the resurrection of the Church occurs?
9. Where do the souls of the unsaved go when they die?
10. 15:51-52 - What two parts of the are mystery revealed?
11. 15:52 - How fast will the change of the corruptible to the incorruptible occur?
12. 15:52 - What does the trumpet signal?
13. 15:53 - What must be taken off us and put on? How will we be changed?
14. 15:53-54 - How essential is this change to the incorruptible?
15. 15:54-55 - What victory does Christ give us?
16. 15:56 - How is death and sin related?
17. 15:57 - How do we achieve victory?
18. 15:58 - What conclusion does Paul draw from his teaching on resurrection at the rapture?

Who will be Resurrected?

Reference: 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

19. 4:14 - Who gets to be with Christ when they die?
20. 4:15 - When does the resurrection happen and in what order?
21. 4:16 - What will happen just prior to the resurrection of the church?
22. 4:17 - Where is Christ during the resurrection of the church?
23. 4:18 - How are these verses comforting?

Two Phases of Christ's Coming

24. Why is the timing of the rapture important?
25. Besides properly interpreting Bible prophecy, how does holding to a pre-tribulation rapture benefit your Christian walk?
26. If you are not expecting the rapture to occur at any moment, what are you doing?
27. What kind of dangerous doctrines can come from other than a pre-trib rapture?

28. How does 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 indicate that the rapture precedes the tribulation?
29. How does verse 17 show that Paul expected the rapture to be an imminent event even back in his day?
30. How does 1 Thessalonians 5:9 indicate that the rapture precedes the tribulation?
31. How does 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 indicate that the rapture precedes the tribulation?
32. Who is He who restrains?
33. Where is the Holy Spirit in the world?
34. Where will the Holy Spirit be immediately after the rapture of the church?
35. How does 1 Peter 4:17 indicate that the rapture must occur prior to the tribulation?
- 36-42. Explain the distinction between the following sets of verses describing the second coming of Jesus:
 36. 1Thessalonians 4:17 and Zechariah 14:4
 37. John 14:2-3 and 1Thessalonians 3:13 or Jude 14
 38. Hebrews 9:28 and Revelation 1:7
 39. 1 Peter 1:7 and Matthew 25:31-32
 40. Titus 2:13 or James 5:8 and Daniel 12:11-13
 41. Psalms 12:1-2 or Micah 7:2 or Genesis 5:24 and Daniel 7:13
 42. 1Thessalonians 5:9 or Revelation 3:10 & Isaiah 13:9

The Rapture Precedes the Tribulation

Reference: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

43. 2:1-2 - What is Paul consoling the Thessalonians about?
44. 2:2 - What is "the day of Christ"?
(see Jeremiah 46:10)
45. 2:3 - What must come before the day of Christ?
46. 2:3-4, 8 - Who is the man of sin (a.k.a. son of perdition & lawless one)?
47. 2:3 - What is the falling away?
48. When will the great apostasy happen?
49. 2:6-7 - Who restrains the lawless one?
50. When will the Holy Spirit be "taken out of the way"?
51. Does this answer the question Jesus asked in Luke 18:8?
52. 2:8 - When will the lawless one be revealed?
53. 2:10-12 - Is it a good strategy to wait until the rapture to put your trust in Christ?
54. 2:10-12 - Does this say that people can not be saved after the rapture if they have heard and rejected the gospel prior to the rapture?
55. What explanations do you think will be given for the rapture?