

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2 PETER CHAPTER 2:4-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW — IN THESE LAST DAYS”

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

False Doctrine, False Salvation, False Christianity, False Disciples

2 Peter 2:4-9

For if (since) God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; :5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; :6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly (like they did); :7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked :8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) :9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

2 Peter 2:9

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| 1.) Is that our enemy is not human | vs. 4 |
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| 1b.) They are from the other realm | vs. 4b |
| 1c.) They are being held in contempt | vs. 4c |

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| 2.) Is that our mission is urgent | vs. 5 |
| 2a.) The mission pronounces judgment | vs. 5a |
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| 3.) Is that our identity is no longer us | vs. 6-8 |
| 3a.) This world is no longer us | vs. 6 |
| 3b.) This culture is no longer us | vs. 7 |
| 3c.) This life is no longer us | vs. 8 |

But now we come to Verse 9 and what it means to God in His Prophetic Timeline.... Is that these are The Last Days

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In this 1 verse is revealed the plan of God as we speak.

2 Timothy 3:1

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour;

listen to these 'preemptive" word of Jesus Christ...

Luke 21:26

men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth,

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW

4a.) Is that the Rapture is a biblical doctrine

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

The Pulpit Ministry of the Church is Very Clear Right Now,

In fact Pastors mandated by God to be teaching the Bible for what the Bible says and not because of some denominational bias or what's trending on the internet.

"Never should the pulpit be a place of weakness, gloom or apathy at any time - but in times like these, the Pulpit ought to be all the more ablaze with truth, and that truth should point all Christians to the Blessed Hope - the Gathering of His church to Himself at His return" – Pastor Jack

If the church was appointed to go through the 7 Year

Tribulation Period then why isn't there any Tribulation Period instructions given to the church? Why isn't there any survival training or tips for the church? There are none for the Bride of Christ.

And this is how He does it

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship (conversation) is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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4b.) Is that the Rapture is the believer's hope

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Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**The Rapture was, is and will be (until it happens)
the believers great and longed for hope.**

It is the last "recorded prophecy" concerning the church regarding its earthly position until Jesus Christ Returns.

The Rapture is Yet Unfulfilled

- it is every believer's desired hope.

Of Bible prophecy that awaits us.

In light of bible prophecy - - Yes its awesome to see what's

happening in the world, in the middle east, with the global economies, lawlessness, with CORONAVIRUS, the EU, the UN and...

But by far the most important is still the most important thing.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

:14 For if we believe // :15 For this we say to you // that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord // :17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up // And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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4c.) Is that the Rapture is the great motivator

2 Peter 2:9

then the Lord knows how to (1) deliver the godly out of temptations and (2) to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**Inspiration / Vision / Acceleration
at calvary chapel chino hills we try to spend**

as much money as is possible on (1) getting the Word of God out to the world. (2) affecting our local culture for Christ. (3) leaving a spiritual legacy that will abide IF Jesus doesn't return today.

Explain This To Me.

Far as I can tell, The church in America has never been larger in numbers.
(so why is she so powerless, carnal and wimpy – no ! the church is the laughing stock of America tonight)

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

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4d.) Is that the Rapture promotes holy living

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Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, **Seek** those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2 Set** your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4 When** Christ who is our life appears, **Then** you also will appear with Him in glory.

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1 John 2:26-28

These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. **27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. **:28** And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **:3** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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4e.) Is that the Rapture is the great separator

It's the Holy Spirit's Ministry to Get You Ready to Meet Jesus & When will That Be?

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit - - eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

There is a real separation of church and state! Brother you ain't seen nothing yet –
Christ is Coming to take His people home !

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

I personally believe that the Holy Spirit will be guiding me, provoking me, leading me, convicting me until Christ appears - - either by Rapture or by Rupture!

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4f.) Is that the Rapture delivers us from wrath

2 Peter 2:9

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A question must be asked – Is it the nature of God to remove His people from His wrath?

Isaiah 26:19-21a

Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. :20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. :21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

Luke 12:35-36,37,40

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master... 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find them watching... 40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

1 Thessalonians 1:10a

“..wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you - in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

1 Thessalonians 3:13

So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God (1) DID NOT appoint us to wrath, but (2) to obtain (but DID appoint) salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW IN THESE LAST DAYS

4g.) Is that the Rapture belongs to the church

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

For if we believe (that’s church talk) that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus (that’s church talk). :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain (that’s church talk) until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive and remain (that’s church talk) shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (that’s church talk) :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

So - is there any evidence in the Bible that teaches that the church Escape the Tribulation Period ?

The Great Escape is a Promised Fact

Revelation 4:1-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” :2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. **3** And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. **4** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. **5** And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. :6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. **7** The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. **8** The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” :9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: **11** “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 19:1-8,11-16

After these things I heard a loud voice of a **great multitude in heaven**, saying, “*Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!* **2** For true and righteous are His

judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” **3** Again they said, “*Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!*” **4** And **the twenty-four elders** and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “*Amen! Alleluia!*” **5** Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great! **6** And I heard, as it were, the voice of **a great multitude**, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, “*Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!*” **7** *Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”* **8** And to **her** it was granted to be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and bright**, for the **fine linen** is the righteous acts of **the saints**. **11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**. **14** And **the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean**, followed Him on white horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the **fierceness** and **wrath** of Almighty God. **16** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**.

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW IN THESE LAST DAYS

4h.) Is that the Rapture is the ultimate mercy

2 Peter 2:9

then the Lord knows how to (1) deliver the godly out of temptations and (2) to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

can I ask you today - -

what is it that you're living for, I mean what drives your wagon? as a Christian, what's on your Christian bucket-list?

Luke 21:34

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap.

There is a grand interruption coming at any moment

If we guard ourselves against this world and its anxieties, then that day can and will be “expected” by those who are ready and waiting !!!

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will **keep you from** the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those (not the church) who dwell on the earth.

Luke 21:35-36

For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. :36 Be always on the watch, and pray that **you may escape** all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW IN THESE LAST DAYS

4i.) Is that the Rapture is in the believer's DNA

Those who teach out-right that there's no Rapture or there will be a Delayed Rapture or a Yo-Yo Rapture Need to reconsider why they do not believe in Pre-Trib. Rapture

If there is no expectancy in the Pulpit and the Message,
Then why is the scripture filled with exhortations and warnings to be vigilant and expectant about the sudden appearing of Christ?

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,

2 Peter 3:3-4a

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"

Matthew 24:45-50

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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4j.) Is that the Rapture answers expectancy

One thing is certain, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Earth, to Israel – to Jerusalem – to David's Throne – all comes at the end of the 7 year tribulation period.

There is **no surprise**. there is **no unexpected** return. there is **no suddenness** to the second coming.

But the same cannot be said about the rapture of the church. There is nothing that precedes it. There is nothing that is a prerequisite for it. It is sudden, without warning, instantaneous

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our vile body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

These Current World Events Ought To Have Your Attention.

And So We End Where We Began –
Because, It's The Best Place for Us Begin Today, And Next Day and..

Titus 2:13

Looking (waiting) for the Blessed Hope
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

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