

THE
“WHAT CHRISTIAN’S BELIEVE”
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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE

“WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE ABOUT
THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH” – PART 3

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The Appearing of Christ, The Rapture, The Blessed Hope

INTRODUCTION

Theme Text

John 14:1-3

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We’ve Looked at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ,
And We’ve Detailed some Key Events that Make the Second Coming
Critical to the Man and Ministry of Jesus Christ...

The Main Thing – Is That Jesus Must Return to Earth, to the Nation Israel,
To Sit Upon the Throne of David, Which is in Jerusalem!

Get the Tapes for Review

1st. It is an appearing, more than a coming

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2 Timothy 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 Peter 5:4

and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE ABOUT THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

2nd. It is an act of deliverance, not a call to endurance

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.

The Apostle Paul’s Five Step Lesson for Hope in This World

#1 – 1 Thessalonians 1:10

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

#2 – 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?

#3 – 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.**
(those saints who have died in jesus)

#4 – 1 Thessalonians 4:17

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.

#5 – 1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not **appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Words of Jesus Christ Himself

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 who dwell on the earth.**

Jesus Said...

Luke 21:34-36

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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