

Looking for the Rapture: Our Patience of Hope

KEY: What do TRUE believers, TRUE follower of Christ do?

FIRST: They live for Christ.

It is right _____ vs 9 in light of a right _____ vs 10.

SECOND: They live _____ READY!

Notes on the Rapture of the church.

KEY 2nd Advent comes in 2 parts: *They are 2 distinctly different events.*

FIRST: _____ – The catching away of the bride of Christ in secret.

- The word “Rapture” – where did it come from? **1 Thessalonians 4:17**
“caught up”=“harpazo” (*har-pad-zo*) Greek=“Rapture” Latin =to seize, catch away, take by force.

SECOND: _____ – The VERY public return of Christ to earth to conquer and set up His 1000 year reign.

Rapture (1Th 4:13-18)

Church taken to be with Christ
“we shall be changed”
The meeting in the air
Our Blessed Hope
A time of rejoicing
Imminent (at any time!)

Wrath (1 Th 5:1-11)

Lost earth in rebellion with the anti-Christ
Great “woe”
The execution of God’s vengeance
The Time of Jacob’s Trouble
A time of terror
Timed in prophecy to the day

Prophetic timeline from today forward.

> Rapture > Deception > Antichrist revealed > JSOC in heaven / great tribulation on earth > 2nd Advent

1. What are we waiting for? Vs 10a See Titus 2:11-13

- The next thing that the church is told to _____ for is the _____ of Christ for His Church.
1 Peter 4:5; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 9:27-28
- The rapture is imminent! The principle? **Matthew 24:42**
KEY: We are _____ waiting for the appearing of the antichrist.

2. Who are we waiting for? Vs 10b See - Titus 2:11-13

- *We are looking for Jesus! John 14:1-3; Colossians 1:18*
- Christ’s coming _____ our salvation.
What began at your salvation is not finished until Christ comes for you. **2 Corinthians 1:10**

1. **Reception** (salvation) **Romans 10:13** *Saved.*
2. **Sanctification** (the process we're in right now) **1 Thessalonians 4:2-4** *Living saved.*
3. **Glorification.** (at the rapture of the church.) **Colossians 3:4** *Salvation's destination.*

3. Why are you waiting for Jesus? Vs 10c

- Note the order. Rapture 10a then Wrath 10c.
- ***Pre-Trib rapture pictured in the simplified structure of 1 Thessalonians.***
 1. Waiting with anticipation for the rapture (chapters 1–4)
 2. The rapture (chapter 4)
 3. The day of the Lord begins and the wrath of God is unleashed (chapter 5)

The Day of the Lord cannot start until the church is _____!

- **We are WAITING for Jesus, because we are NOT waiting for wrath – for sure!**
- The Thessalonians were looking for Christ's return! What about you?
- 1 out of every 13 verses in the NT is about this expectation! **Revelation 22:7, 20**

KEY: You long to be _____ those that you _____!

- Jesus "delivered" us from the wrath to come.
At Calvary, Christ delivered you from the God's coming wrath over man's sin.

But KNOW wrath IS coming. **2 Peter 3:3-14**

Have you fled the wrath to come by running to Calvary?