

Sunday, January 21, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ Jesus

Series: The Doctrine of the Rapture ... 2

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:35 – 58,
1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the Biblical differences between the 'Rapture' and the Second Coming (Advent) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

Last week we started a series on the 'Rapture'. We considered: 1. Rapture – is it found in the Scriptures; 2. Rapture – is it Demonstrated in the Scriptures; 3. Rapture – is it Illustrated in the Scriptures
The Scriptures indicate that the 'Rapture' and the Second Coming of Christ Jesus are very different events

1. The Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ Jesus are TWO Different Events:

The Rapture The Second Coming of Christ Jesus
~ John 14:1 – 3, for believers
 *Daniel 2:44 – 45, will set up a kingdom
~ 1 Cor. 15:35 – 58, believers shall be changed
 *Daniel 7:9 – 14, to him was given dominion
~ Col. 3:4, appear with Him in glory
 *Daniel 12:1 – 3, your people shall be delivered
~ 1 Thess. 1:10, delivers us from the wrath
 *Zech. 14:1 – 5, stand on the Mount of Olives
~ 1 Thess. 4:13 – 18, meet the Lord in the air
 Matt. 24:15 – 31, spoken by Daniel
~ 1 Thess. 5:9, not destined us for wrath
 Matt. 26:64, you will see the Son of Man
~ Titus 2:13 – 15, our blessed hope
 *Mark 14:62, I am,...will see the Son of Man
~ Hebrews 9:28, not to deal with sin
 *Luke 21:25 – 28, the Son of Man coming
~ 1 Peter 1:7 & 13, revelation of Jesus Christ
 *Acts 3:19 – 21, times of refreshing may come
~ 1 John 3:1 – 2, we shall be like Him
 *1 Thess. 3:13, at the coming of our Lord...
~ Revelation 3:10, I will keep you from the hour of trial
 **2 Thess. 1:6 – 10 VERY IMPORTANT
 2 Thess. 2:8, the lawless one will be revealed
 2 Peter 3:1 – 14 knowing this first of all
 *Rev. 1:7, and every eye will see him
 Rev. 19:11 – 21:6, and he will rule Rev. 22:7, 12, 20

2. Rapture – Christ Jesus Returns for His Bride:

~ John 14:1 – 3 and 1 Corinthians 15:35 – 58, Christ Jesus comes to receive His bride which entails the change of the physical bodies of those believers who are alive and the resurrection of those who have gone on before.
~ Colossians 3:4 and 1 Thessalonians 1:10, the bride goes with Christ Jesus into glory being delivered from the wrath to follow!
~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18, this meeting takes place in the air and is not visible to those who remain; they only see the absence of those who were raptured.
~ Titus 2:13, *"waiting for our blessed hope"*
~ 1 John 3:1 – 3, *"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (2) Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (3) And everyone who thus hopes purifies himself as he is pure."*
~ 1 Corinthians 15:50 – 52, *"I tell you this, brothers; flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (51) 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 imperishable, and we shall be changed."*

3. The Second Coming of Christ Jesus:

~ That is His second coming to the earth; Zechariah 14:4, *"On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east,"*
~ At His second coming He comes WITH his saints (the BRIDE).
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 with all his saints."*
~ At His second coming Christ Jesus will establish His earthly Kingdom; Daniel 2:44, *"And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end and it shall stand forever,"*

Conclusion:

2 Peter 3:11 – 13, *"Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."*