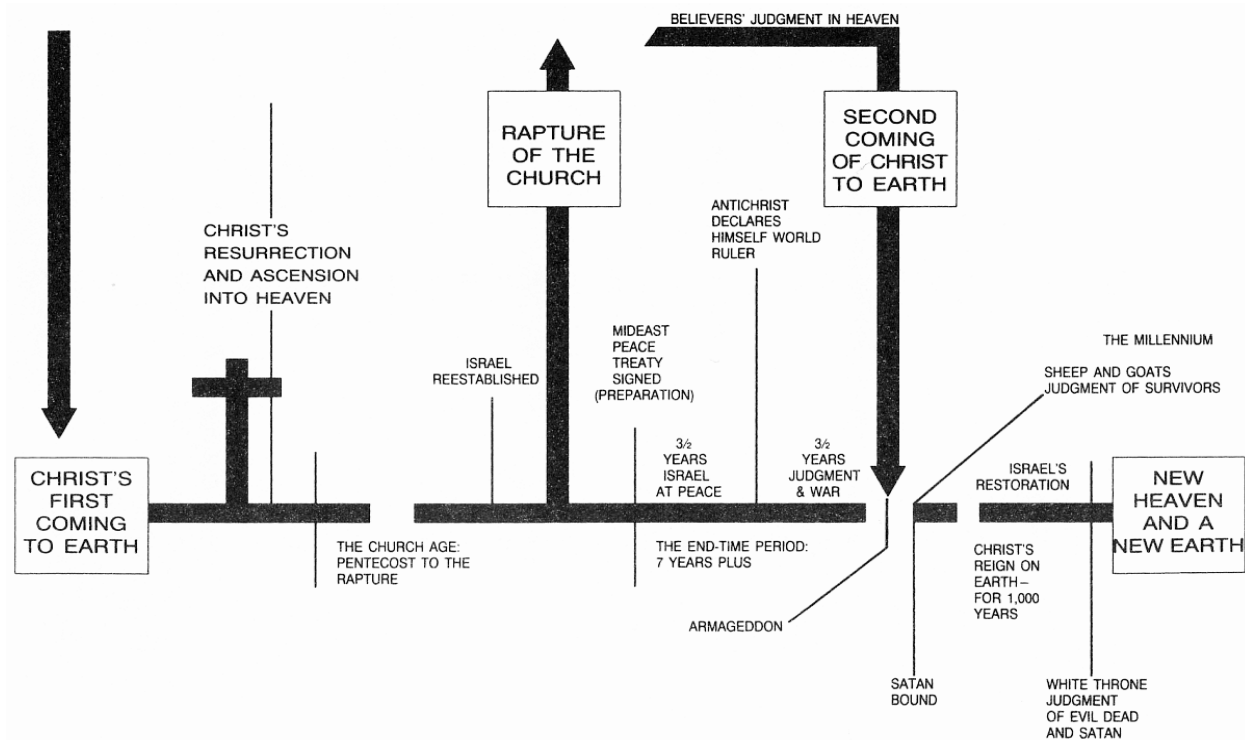


# You Asked For It 6 – The End Times

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## Why Is There So Much Confusion Concerning The Rapture?

1. The Church world does not understand that the scriptures teach TWO comings of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are as follows:
  - a. The Rapture of the Church.
  - b. The Second Coming also known as the Second Advent of Christ.
2. The Church is looking forward to the Rapture, NOT the Second Coming of Christ. We know there is going to be a period of time on the earth called the Tribulation. This period of time will last for seven years. The Rapture of the Church occurs at the BEGINNING of the tribulation and the Second Coming occurs at the END of the tribulation.
3. We learn then the reason there is so much confusion concerning the Rapture of the Church is because the two comings of the Lord Jesus Christ are being mixed up. One must know if scripture is talking about the Rapture or the Second Coming!
4. Remember the Rapture was a MYSTERY in the Old Testament!

**1 Cor. 15:51-52** – <sup>51</sup> Behold, *I show you a mystery*; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

#### Confusion About The Rapture In Paul's Day:

Even in Paul's day there was much confusion and misinformation concerning the doctrine of the Rapture of the Church. False teaching so abounded that Paul had to write the church at Thessalonica and clear up all the misinformation and false teachings.

Because of the great persecution of Christians by Nero, believers were told they were already in the tribulation and that the Rapture had already taken place! Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians to correct this but found it necessary to write them again which is when he wrote 2 Thessalonians.

#### Believers Are Delivered From The Wrath To Come:

*Believers in Christ will not go through the tribulation for we are delivered from the wrath to come!*

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** – <sup>9</sup> For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; <sup>10</sup> And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** – <sup>1</sup> But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. <sup>2</sup> For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. <sup>8</sup> But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Paul's Second Letter To The Thessalonians Confirming They Are Not In The Tribulation:

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup> Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, <sup>2</sup> That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. <sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: <sup>12</sup> that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. <sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: <sup>14</sup> Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. <sup>16</sup> Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> Comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.

Other Scriptures Concerning The Revelation Of The Rapture:

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (KJV)** – <sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. <sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**Philippians 3:19-21 (KJV)** – <sup>19</sup> Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. <sup>20</sup> For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>21</sup> Who shall

change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**Colossians 3:1-4 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup> If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

**1 John 3:1-3 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Conclusion:

Our mission is to take as many people to heaven with us as we can!

What is happening today is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Our part as believers is to keep our eyes on the HOPE that is awaiting us.

That hope is “Christ in us the hope of Glory.”

We must tell others about this blessed hope we have in Christ so they too can be ready to meet Him at the Rapture and not go through the great tribulation.