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The Rapture, The Second Coming, the difference of what, why and when. Part 2 of 3

The Rapture and the Second coming have been misunderstood by many as being the same event. Part one I gave a brief description of The Rapture and of The Second Coming and as you saw they are two completely different events entirely. Teachers of the gospel don't mean to but just by saying a small phrase in their teaching or preaching can be misunderstood easily. Now in Part 2 and I would like to explain The Rapture in detail and Part 3 next time will be The Second Coming.

What is the Rapture? The Bible says the Rapture is when Christ comes for those that belong to Him. *1 Thessalonians 4:16 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:17 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.* It is very important to remember that at the Rapture (**meet the Lord in the air**) is very clear that our Lord Jesus does not set His foot upon the earth at that time. It means that we will meet the Lord Jesus in the air! You may ask how that is possible? One day those who belong to Him will be changed. The Bible also says in *1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* This will be the greatest event of all for those who have put their trust in the saving power of the Lord Jesus. That means those who belong to Jesus will come out of the grave just as He did and if we are still living the Bible says in *1 Thessalonians 4:17 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.* That is the time that we will receive our glorified bodies and be able to do supernatural things. That is how we will meet our Lord in the air!

Why are we caught up? For those who are alive at that time are caught up to save them from Gods wrath that is to come upon this earth and folks its coming soon! The Tribulation is coming and our Lord Jesus is taking us out of harm's way. Just as God saved Noah and his family from the wrath of the flood. Noah preached over 100 years and only 8 people got saved. The Bible says that God closed the door of the ark and God will save His people from the wrath to come again.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Think about this, there was no Bible that warned the people in Noah's day. But there was Noah that preached what God told him to preach for over 100 years and still there were only 8 saved. There are Bibles in every nation on this planet I believe and missionaries all over the world. You can turn on your radio and find preaching most anytime of the day or night. Turn on the TV and find preaching and Bible studies most anytime. The Gideon's have placed Bibles in hotels and motels all across the country. There are many churches at least one in every neighborhood. There is Gods warning after warning in Scripture but Jesus said Himself *John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* The great different in the Rapture and the Second Coming is that the Rapture is taking those believers from the earth as an act of deliverance. The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment. *Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*

When will the Rapture take place? No one knows except the Father. The main thing is to be Rapture ready! God has brought us salvation through Jesus Christ. We should live for Him until He takes us home because we are a *peculiar people* because those who are redeemed belong to Him. That's what it's all about is Jesus Christ our Saviour (*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity.*) How about you? Have you been redeemed?

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