

THE CERTAIN CALL OF THE RAPTURE

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1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; John 14:1–3; 1 Corinthians 15:51–52

A Sudden Separation

There is coming a moment when time, as we know it, will be interrupted by eternity. No warning siren. No second chance. In a fraction of a second, Christ will call His own—and the world will never be the same.

The rapture is not a myth to be debated—it is a promise to be believed. It is not symbolic—it is sudden, literal, and imminent.

1. The PROMISE of His Coming (John 14:1–3)

“I will come again and receive you to Myself...”

Christ does not speak in uncertainty—He speaks in assurance. The One who came once in humility will come again in glory.

- **A Personal Promise** – *“I will come again”*
Not an angel. Not a substitute. Jesus Himself.
- **A Prepared Place** – *“I go to prepare a place for you”*
Heaven is not an abstract idea—it is a prepared home for a redeemed people.

- **A Precious People** – *“I will receive you to Myself”*
The rapture is a reunion—Christ gathering His bride.

If He promised to come, are you living like He could come today?
Too many are planning for retirement—but not preparing for rapture.

2. The POWER of His Call (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)

“The Lord Himself will descend... with a shout...”

This is no quiet event—it is a divine summons.

- **A Commanding Shout** – The voice that called Lazarus from the grave will call the Church from the earth.
- **A Heavenly Sound** – The trumpet of God will pierce the silence of this world.
- **A Miraculous Change** – *“Caught up... to meet the Lord in the air”*

In a moment—faster than a heartbeat—the dead in Christ rise, and the living are transformed.

1 Corinthians 15:52:

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye... we shall be changed.”

No time to get ready when the trumpet sounds—you must already be ready. The rapture is not scheduled—it is sudden.

3. The PREPARATION for His Church (1 John 3:2–3)

“Everyone who has this hope purifies himself...”

The doctrine of the rapture is not meant to satisfy curiosity—it is meant to stir purity.

- **A Call to Holiness** – If you expect to see Him, you will seek to be like Him.
- **A Call to Watchfulness** – Jesus said, *“Watch therefore...”* (Matthew 24:42)
- **A Call to Separation** – This world is not our home—we are looking for another.

A bride does not wait until the groom arrives to get ready—she prepares in advance.

Are you living in such a way that His coming would be your joy—or your shame?

Conclusion: The URGENCY of the Hour

The rapture could happen **today**.

There are no signs that must be fulfilled first.

No prophecy that must be completed.

The next sound you hear could be the trumpet of God.

And when it happens:

- The saved will be **caught up**
 - The lost will be **left behind**
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Gospel Appeal: “Ready or Ruined”

The greatest question is not *when* He will come—
The greatest question is: **Will you go when He comes?**

Jesus Christ came once to die for your sins.
On the cross, He bore your judgment.
He was buried—and rose again in victory.

Salvation is not in religion—it is in a Person.

Acts 16:31:

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”

But hear this solemn truth:

If you reject Him now...
You will not rise when He calls then.

If you are not saved, you are not ready.

Final Call

Will you be **taken**... or **trembling**?
Will you be **caught up**... or **cut off**?
Will you be **ready**... or **ruined**?

Today is the day of salvation.
Now is the accepted time.

Come to Christ—before Christ comes.