

Titus 2:13 - Rapture

Pre-tribulation Rapture

- the church is raptured before the Tribulation begins.

1. Jesus promised to deliver us - Revelation 3:10
2. Jesus said He could return at any moment saying 'watch, be ready'. - Mark 13:32-37
3. Jesus promised that the church will be delivered from the wrath to come. - 1 Thessalonians 1:10
4. Jesus promised that Christians are not appointed to wrath. - 1 Thessalonians 5:9
5. The church is not mentioned in any way in the tribulation chapters - Revelation 6-18

Rapture is **Imminent** = at any moment

Titus 2:13 **looking**
1 Thessalonians 1:10 **wait for**
1 Corinthians 1:7 **eagerly waiting**

Events of the rapture of the Church

1. Jesus descends from His Father's house, where He is preparing a place for us.
John 14:1-2 **"I go to prepare a place for you."**
2. Jesus comes again to receive us to Himself
John 14:3 **"...and receive you to Myself..."**
3. Jesus brings with Him the souls of those who have died in Christ – the bodies of these believers will be resurrected immediately prior to living believers being raptured.
1 Thessalonians 4:14-15 **"...God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus."**
4. As the Lord Jesus descends from heaven he will 'shout' or 'give a loud command'
1 Thessalonians 4:16 **"...the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout..."**
5. This resurrection of dead Christians, the taking up of Christians that are alive, and His descending with a shout all happen quickly.
1 Corinthians 15:52 **"...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye..."**
6. The Christians that are being caught up, raptured, will hear the voice of God that sounds like an archangel.
1 Thessalonians 4:16 **"...with a shout, with the voice of an archangel..."**
7. The Christians that are being caught up will also hear the trumpet call of God. (This is not one of the trumpets from the book of Revelation)
1 Thessalonians 4:16 **"...and with the trumpet of God."**
8. The dead in Christ are resurrected first. The corruptible ashes of their dead bodies are made incorruptible and joined together with their souls, which Jesus brings with Him.
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 **"And the dead in Christ will rise first."**

9. Then we who are alive and remain will be changed – that is to say be made incorruptible by having our bodies made ‘immortal’ – this is the receiving of our glorified bodies.
1 Corinthians 15:51-53 “**...we shall all be changed...**”
10. Resurrected and living Christians will be caught up or raptured together.
1 Thessalonians 4:17 “**...shall be caught up...**”
‘caught up’ = Gk. harpazo =df to take away by force,
Latin =df rapturo into English = rapture
11. We will be caught up in the clouds of heaven and enjoy an incredible, supernatural, and miraculous reunion together with our believing loved ones.
1 Thessalonians 4:17 “**...together with them in the clouds...**”
12. We will all meet the Lord Jesus in the air together.
1 Thessalonians 4:17 “**...to meet the Lord in the air.**”
13. Jesus Christ will receive us to Himself and take us to the Father’s house.
John 14:3 “**...that where I am, there you may be also.**”
14. We shall be with the Lord Jesus forever!
1 Thessalonians 4:17 “**...we shall always be with the Lord.**”
15. At the time immediately after the rapture of all Believers, Jesus will judge all things. Believers will stand before the judgment seat (or reward stand) of Christ to be rewarded crowns based on his service to the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:10 “**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...**”
Five crowns in the Bible: Incorruptible crown, crown of life, crown of glory, crown of righteousness, crown of rejoicing.
16. Then begins the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. While the 7 years of the Tribulation are taking place on the earth, the Church, made up of all New Testament Christians, the bride of Christ, is in the heavenlies enjoying Jesus and Jesus is enjoying His bride.
Revelation 4 + 5

Rapture Ready

The rapture...

1. ...gives Christians **urgency** for the work that we are doing, to get the Gospel out.
2. ...gives Christians a correct **perspective** of material things.
3. ...maintains a **purity** in Christian’s lives.



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