

## Part 32 | THE RESURRECTION:

### *A Mystery, We Will Not All Sleep | 1 Corinthians 15:51-58* **First Corinthians...Sinners Yet Saints**

*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible.*

***1 Corinthians 15:51-52***

Paul concludes his teaching on the resurrection of the dead by revealing a mystery. This is the mystery that not all believers will indeed experience physical death. The mystery Paul reveals is the rapture (from latin *rapturo* in 1 Thess. 4:17) of the church. All believers will be given transformed bodies, but not all will experience physical death, some will be raptured!

#### **I. THE RAPTURE \_\_\_\_\_ ALL CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND CHRIST**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | 1 Corinthians 15:52*

#### **II. THE RAPTURE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS WITH THEIR GLORIFIED BODIES**

*1 Corinthians 15:52b-54*

#### **III. THE RAPTURE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH-AGE BELIEVERS FROM THE WRATH OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD**

- **Rev. 6:17; Daniel 9:24-27**—*Tribulation=day of God's wrath*
- **1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9**—*we are delivered from wrath*
- **Rev. 3:10, Col. 1:13, John 17:15**—*we are "kept" ones*
- **Rev. 4-22**—*no mention of church after chapter 3*

#### **IV. THE RAPTURE GIVES \_\_\_\_\_ TO A TRANSFORMED LIFESTYLE**

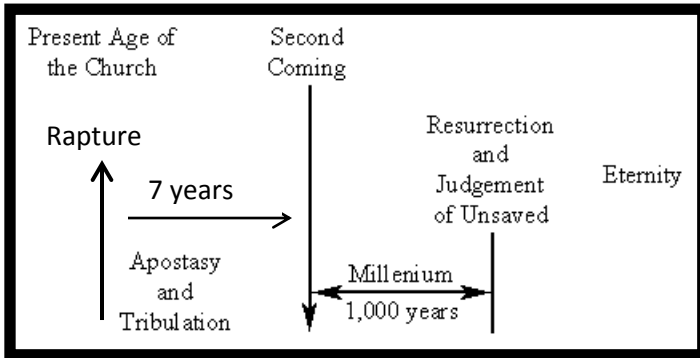
- **Stand Firm in Right Doctrine** - *"Be Steadfast"*
- **Be unmoved by false teachers** - *"immovable"*
- **Labor Faithfully** - *"always abounding in the work of the Lord"*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

***1 Corinthians 15: 58***

## SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS:

The rapture of the church takes place just before the 7 year period known as the tribulation period, also referred to in Daniel 9:24-27 as the 70<sup>th</sup> week. This will be a time of unequalled death and destruction connected with God's wrath. This time period is vividly described in Revelation 4-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and 2 Thessalonians 2. This period of future history is also alluded to throughout the Old and New Testament in connection with the term the "day of the Lord."



### Premillennial, PreTribulational Chart of End Times

**Questions #1**—There are other views of the timing of the rapture that allow for the church to persevere through part or even the entire tribulation period. These views are known as the mid-tribulational, pre-wrath or post tribulational rapture. How might you help a person come to a Biblical understanding that the rapture does occur before the tribulation period.

**Questions #2**—What are the benefits that a pretribulational rapture provides?

**Question #3**—The last verse states that we are to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. As a group share how you are actively pursuing these commands:

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