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**"The Rapture"- Don't Miss it !"**

**Ephesians 2:8 KJV " For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"**



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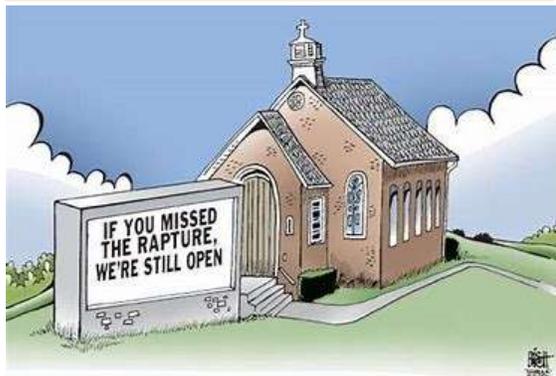


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**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16-17 KJV** " For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall 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."

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:50-52 KJV** "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 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."

Great controversy and confusion exists in Christendom regarding the doctrine of the rapture "the catching up." This unfortunate state is a result of not understanding the Apostle Paul's theology – it's a failure of both a new believer to the faith and theological professionals. **Much of the failure is simply unbelief.** A refusal to believe the straightforward clear message of Scripture.



## The Rapture Can Happen at Any Monment

This is when the "body of Christ" (all who have believed & trusted that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for all their sins, was buried and rose again. Those who have trusted exclusively in Christ alone. The dead in Christ shall rise first and their new glorified immortal body will be joined to their soul (which was in heaven). Then we who are alive that believed in Christ, our bodies shall be changed in the twinkling of eye into our new glorified immortal body. If we are alive when the rapture occurs we will be the generation that does not physically die but will be changed and shall meet Christ in the air. **Oh! happy days!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:35-42 KJV** "But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:"

Jesus' resurrected body was the "first fruits" example of those who have died. His dead body was resurrected and Glorified. He has visibly the same body He had before He died, including the wounds that are now scars. The rapture is about being reunited with our physical body. Regardless of how deteriorated our bodies are in the grave of even if cremated, believers who die before the rapture will be reunited with their physical bodies. We will receive our recreated physical bodies, even if their remains have turned to dust and that dust is scattered to the ends of the earth.

### An explanation of the different Heaven's as spoken about in the Bible

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Heaven – what we consider to be the Earth's atmosphere
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven – outer space – planets, stars, galaxies; the universe
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven – the place where GOD dwells

**Make sure you're not in a church like the one on the left .....when the "Rapture" happens! ----- Do not get left behind!**