

Introduction

Possibly no subject stirs the heart and soul of a Christian as does the rapture and rightly so. Our hope lies in the prospect of the rapture when Jesus returns to remove Christians out of this world. The Apostle Paul wrote of this rousing hope in a letter to his young preacher friend, Titus.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13

Often overlooked is the qualifying lifestyle of a Christian who is truly *"looking for that blessed hope."* Paul defined that lifestyle for us in his letter to Titus, a co-worker in the ministry.

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Titus 2:11-12

Living a Christian lifestyle is not only commendable it is required for that is what makes a Christian *ready* for the rapture. To not live the Christian lifestyle leaves a Christian *unready* for the rapture. That is truly an unfavorable position. The stark truth is many Christians aren't consciously looking for (living for) the *blessed hope* of the rapture as evidenced by their lifestyle.

Then again, many Christians exhibit a lively interest in the promise of the rapture but they hold false rapture beliefs. I find two particularly disturbing false beliefs about the rapture which once captured me. Inevitably these errant beliefs create casual Christians with false hopes. Christians are urged to truly ponder the following information as it will affect your future.

The first false rapture belief is that of a pre-tribulation rapture. I was weaned on that fanciful event from the earliest days of my Christianity. Later I was fed the same spoiled spiritual food when I went to Bible college. It was many years later through study and prayer that the Holy Spirit illuminated the truth to me. That truth is: **the pre-tribulation rapture is a lie.**

What is so wrong with the pre-tribulation rapture belief? Well, first and most importantly, the Bible does not teach such a rapture. It is not my intent here to prove that. I have written an e-book (80 pages) that explains the rapture in detail. I have been told that it is the absolute best book on the rapture offered on the internet. Send me an email asking for it and I'll send you a PDF copy.

In addition to being a great deception a pre-tribulation rapture gives a false security for Christians. Supposedly a pre-tribulation rapture will remove the church from this world before the tribulation of the Revelation. There are three things wrong with that theory.

- (1) The Bible teaches no such thing.
- (2) It gives Christians a false security.
- (3) Countless Christians won't be *ready* for the rapture due to their belief in a pre-tribulation rapture.

The second false rapture belief is that ALL Christians will be taken in the rapture. That is unanimously accepted by Christendom but it is unsupported by scripture. That had been my belief all my Christian life until recently. Not long ago the Holy Spirit again opened my eyes of understanding. I now vigorously refute a rapture of ALL Christians. Rather it will be a **Rapture Of The Ready**.

The high hurdle is persuading Christians to listen to this heretofore unheralded and unthinkable rapture truth. Christians are understandably reluctant to hear the truth of a **Rapture Of The Ready** for two reasons.

- (1) The teaching is contrary to what they have been taught. From personal experience I know how Christians resist any challenge to their beliefs.
- (2) Christians have been taught they will surely be taken in the rapture. The possibility that some may not leave in the rapture is unthinkable.

Christians are urged to "*...awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*" Rom 13:11 I echo those words with this warning: It is time for Christians to awake from their sleepy rapture beliefs and believe the rapture of God's Word. That rapture is a **Rapture Of The Ready**.

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