

A. Through _____

1 Thessalonians 4:14 "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

John 11:25-26 "²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

Romans 3:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

B. Through _____

1. PURIFY THROUGH _____

1 John 3:1-3 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.³ And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

2. SANCTIFY THROUGH DENYING _____

Titus 2:11-14 "¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

C. Through _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 "²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

"A Sudden Disappearance"

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Colossians 1:4-5 "⁴ Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,⁵ For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;"

I. THE _____ OF THE RAPTURE

A. A _____ Promise

1. A _____ PROMISE

Philippians 3:20 "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

1 Peter 5:4 "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

2. A _____ PROMISE

John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

B. A _____ Promise

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 “¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.¹⁶ 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.¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

SIX FACTS

1. The Lord Will Come
2. We Will Hear The Lord's Shout
3. The Dead In Christ Will Rise
4. Christians Will Be "Caught Up"
5. We Will Meet The Lord In The Air
6. We Will Ever Be With The Lord

II. THE _____ OF THE RAPTURE

A. An _____ Hope

1. THE CHURCH IS _____ APPOINTED TO WRATH

1 Thessalonians 5:9 “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”

1 Thessalonians 1:10 “And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

Quote: “While Scripture presents many signs of Christ's 2nd Coming, and the establishment of His Kingdom, there are no predicted events preceding the Rapture. It could happen at any time...” - Dr. John Wolvoord

2. THE CHURCH IS _____ IN REVELATION CHAPTERS 6-18

3. IT IS _____

Revelation 3:10-11 “¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.¹¹ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”

4. THE _____ OF SCRIPTURE

B. An _____ HOPE

1. NOT EVERY BELIEVER WILL FACE _____

1 Corinthians 15:51 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,”

2. WE WILL _____ CHRIST

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

3. WE WILL RECEIVE A _____ BODY

1 Corinthians 15:52-54 “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.⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

III. THE _____ FOR THE RAPTURE

2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 “⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:”