

Revelation

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The Rapture & The Judgment Seat of Christ

1. Rapture: the imminent return of Christ

Dictionary

imminent : *adjective*
1 about to happen: they were in imminent danger of being swept away.

a. Immanency

Paul in the **first century** expresses a sense of **urgency**.

He believed the Lord could come at any moment in his time

Our motivation for living the spiritual life

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (NKJV)

29 But this I say, brethren, **the time is short**, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,
30 those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess,
31 and those who use this world as not misusing it. For **the form of this world is passing away**.

Philippians 4:5 (NKJV)

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. **The Lord is at hand**.

Our motivation for living the spiritual life is "the Lord is at hand"

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1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 (NKJV)

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that **this Day should overtake you as a thief**.

If it was not impossible for a believer to become **complacent**, Paul would not warn against it

Off guard, unaware, ignorant

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not **sleep**, as others do, **but let us watch and be sober**.

To be clear headed or, aware

complacent *com-plä-sent*
adjective
1. Showing satisfaction, esp when self-satisfied, usu with insufficient regard to problems, dangers, etc

Be complacent

Dictionary

objective : *adjective*
1 (of a person or their judgment) not influenced by personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing facts: Historians try to be objective

To be objectively minded as a result of doctrine in the soul

We must be, ready, be thoughtful and looking for His return

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more **as you see the Day approaching**.

Hebrews 10:37 (NKJV)

37 "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry."

James 5:7-8 (NKJV)

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.
8 You also be patient: **Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand**.
9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

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Thought processes

1 Peter 4:7 (NASB95)

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, **be of sound judgment and sober spirit** for the purpose of prayer.

iv. The fact that Jesus could come back tomorrow is our motivation, for living the Christian life today

1 John 2:18 (NASB95)

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

Revelation 22:10 (NASB95)

10 And he said to me, "Do not **seal up** the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Close it to understanding

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b. Rapture:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.
15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,
2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

2. Immediately following the rapture of the church (point 1) is:

The judgment seat of God

Not to determine where we will spend eternity; but how / our position throughout eternity

a. Evaluation of the believers

Human good is of no value; only divine good produced under the filling of the Holy Spirit will result in eternal rewards.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (NKJV)

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.
10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.
11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will become clear; for **the Day will declare it** because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

Shame and sorrow

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Revelation 22:12 (NASB95)

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My **reward** is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."

Isaiah 40:10 (NASB95)

10 Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him. **Behold, His reward is with Him**. And His recompense before Him.

Luke 14:14 (NASB95)

14 and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for **you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous**."

Romans 14:10 (NASB95)

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For **we will all stand before the judgment seat of God**.

βίβλος βίβλος judgment seat

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB95)

10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

κοιτίσε κοιτίσε get back; receive back

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