
rapture

*"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words."
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, p. 836)*

1. What will the Rapture be like?

▶ Unknown

*"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."
(Matthew 24:36)*

▶ Unexpected

*"For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, as labor pains on a pregnant woman. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief."
(1 Thessalonians 5:2-4)*

▶ Unforgettable

*"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."
(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)*

2. What should we be doing now to prepare?

"...what kind of people ought we to be?"

▶ Holy

*"What kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives."
(2 Peter 3:11-12)*

*"Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."
(1 John 3:3)*

▶ Ready

*"Don't let anyone deceive you in any way."
(2 Thessalonians 2:3)*

▶ Busy

*"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
(1 Corinthians 15:58)*

Plans for the Planet

