

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?**  
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**Two Views of the Rapture**

• **Post-tribulational Premillennialism**

- Sometimes called \_\_\_\_\_ or traditional premillennialism
- No Rapture \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribulation
- Everything the Bible says about the second coming of Christ refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ event at the end of the Tribulation.

• **Pre-tribulational (dispensational) Premillennialism**

- Two \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's second coming:
  - His coming \_\_\_\_\_ the saints in the Rapture before the Tribulation
  - His coming \_\_\_\_\_ the saints to the earth at Armageddon

**What Is the Rapture?**

• **1 Thess. 4:13-18:**

- Raptured = “\_\_\_\_\_ up” (vs. 17)
  - To seize, snatch away, carry away, take away by force or \_\_\_\_\_
    - Matt. 13:19: \_\_\_\_\_
    - John 6:15: \_\_\_\_\_
    - John 10:28-29: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Acts 23:10: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Here, to be carried away for a \_\_\_\_\_ purpose, and by the \_\_\_\_\_ power of God
    - 2 Cor. 12:2-4: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Acts 8:39: \_\_\_\_\_
- For \_\_\_\_\_ living believers (vs. 15)
- After the \_\_\_\_\_ saints are raised (vs. 15-16)
- Into the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17)
- To meet the \_\_\_\_\_ in the air (vs. 17)
  - Meet = “coming from \_\_\_\_\_ directions”

- To be forever \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (vs. 17)
- **1 Cor. 15:51-54:**
  - New \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 51)
    - Mystery = previously hidden truth, now fully known
  - \_\_\_\_\_ participation (vs. 51)
    - Along with (but \_\_\_\_\_) the sleeping saints
  - Instantaneous \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 52)
    - Moment = “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (atom)
    - Twinkling = “ \_\_\_\_\_, wink”
  - Unending \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 53-54)
    - Put on = to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the resurrection body
  - The resurrection body will be:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ = not subject to decay
    - Immortal = not subject to \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ = shining, splendid, perfect (vs. 43)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ = new strength and abilities (vs. 43)
      - Isa. 40:31: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Philippians 3:20-21:**
  - Like unto = “ \_\_\_\_\_ together with” (Rom. 8:29)
  - Our present, lowly, earthly bodies will be fashioned similar to His own glorious body
- **1 John 3:2:**
  - Like him = similar in condition, \_\_\_\_\_, appearance
    - Not identical in \_\_\_\_\_
    - Not \_\_\_\_\_ in nature, position, or attributes

### **Conclusion**

- **Our \_\_\_\_\_ transformation:**
  - 1 Cor. 15:51-52: \_\_\_\_\_
  - No \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare then!
    - As a believer
    - As an unbeliever
  - The time to prepare is \_\_\_\_\_!