

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?

Part Nine: December 16, 2020

The Biblical Teaching

- **Six key passages:**

- Luke 12:35-40
- 1 Thess. 1:10
- 1 Thess. 5:1-11
- 2 Thess. 2:1-8 (also 9-17)
- Luke 21:34-36
- Rev. 3:10

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 1a, 2a)**

- "Now we _____ you, brethren...that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled..."

- **The _____ for Paul's Appeal (vs. 1)**

- The comforting _____ of the Rapture

- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 2)**

- Don't believe the deception that you are currently living through the _____.

- **The _____ for Paul's Appeal (vs. 3)**

- The _____, preceded by the great _____, must occur before the Tribulation.

- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 4-8)**

- The _____ must be removed before the antichrist can be revealed.

- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 9-17)**

- Have you _____ the truth of the gospel?

The Basis for Paul's Appeal

- **The _____**

- Two identifications (vs. 1):
 - The _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - Coming = parousia = " _____, arrival"
 - Two phases:
 - His coming in the clouds _____ His saints
 - His coming to the earth _____ His saints
 - Here, the Rapture.
 - Our _____ together unto Him

- 1 Thess. 4:17: _____

- John 14:3: _____

- Luke 17:37: _____

- Heb. 10:25: _____

- Ps. 45:8: _____

The Nature of Paul's Appeal

- **Do Not Be _____ or _____**
 - _____ of the trouble
 - Shaken in mind = _____ confusion
 - Troubled = _____ turmoil
 - How?
 - By _____ (an evil spirit or supernatural revelation)
 - By _____ (prophecy, sermon, teaching, false rumors and reports)
 - By _____ as from us (forged letters from Paul)
 - _____ for the trouble
 - A _____ = "The Day of Christ is at hand"
 - At hand = "has arrived, is now present, has already _____"
 - Day of Christ vs. Day of the Lord
 - A critical difference in _____
 - Both begin with same _____ (Rapture)
 - Both refer to same _____ of time ("day")
 - Here, talking about the beginning of the Day of the Lord on _____ (the Tribulation)

Application

- **Are you allowing the Lord to _____ you in confusing and troubling times by means of the reassuring promises of His Word?**
 - Including His very specific promise of His soon return?