

Jesus Christ (Part 3)

Lesson 28- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: In today's lesson we are going to focus on some of the upcoming end time events. The Lord's return is going to happen in 2 stages. We will look at both of those events today along with a few others events.

A. The Rapture of the Saints:

- a. The term "rapture" is not found in the Bible, but its meaning "caught up" certainly is.
- b. Let's read the following key scriptures about the Rapture...

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Philippians 3:20-21

...then answer the following as either TRUE (T) or FALSE (F):

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| 1. The Rapture is an instantaneous event. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The Rapture concerns only deceased Christians, that is, only those who "sleep" in Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. At the Rapture, the Lord will send His angels to gather the saints and bring them to Heaven. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. At the Rapture, believers (saints) will be caught up into the air to meet Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. At the Rapture, all Christians, living and dead, will receive a glorified resurrected body. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. According to Matthew 24:42, the Rapture will be announced to give us time to get ready. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7. According to 2 Peter 3:3-9, the only reason the Rapture has not yet taken place that the Lord wants to save sinners.

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B. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ:

a. Revelation 19:11-16. Here the Lord Jesus is called.

1. _____ and _____ vs. 11.
2. The _____ of the _____ vs. 13.
3. _____ of _____ and _____ of _____.

b. According to Revelation 19:14 and Jude 14-15, the Lord Jesus Christ will return with: _____.

c. Zechariah 14:1-4, When Jesus Christ returns in glory, He will set his feet down on the _____ of _____.

d. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10. The second coming of Jesus Christ will be a time of divine _____ and _____.

C. Between the Raptures and the Second Coming:

a. The Old Testament Book of Daniel teaches there will be a seven-year period between the Raptures of the saints of God and the second coming of Christ.

b. The following diagram shows how the main events will occur during this time period.



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D. The Judgment Seat of Christ:

a. According to 1 Corinthians 4:5, this event will occur at the time when the “_____” i.e. following the rapture.

b. According to Romans 14:10, who will take part in this Judgment?

c. According to Romans 14:12, what will we have to do at this Judgment?

d. According to 2 Corinthians 5:10, what aspect of our lives will come under scrutiny at this Judgment? _____

e. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

1. In verse 9, the church at Corinth is called God’s _____, the foundation of which is _____.-Verse 11.

2. The Lord is very interested in how we _____ upon this foundation.-Verse 12

3. According to verse 12, these works are likened to:

_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____.

4. The fire of this judgment will try the _____ of the Christian.

5. According to verse 15, is it possible for a Christian who has never acceptably served the Lord to be lost and cast into Hell? _____

6. According to verse 14, what will the Christians who has acceptably served the Lord receive? _____.

e. The Bible speaks of these rewards as “crowns.” There are five crowns we can receive as a reward for our life as a Christians:

1. 1 Thessalonians 2:19. The Crown of _____. This is the soul winner’s crown!

2. James 1:12. The Crown of _____. This is the faithful Christian’s crown.

3. 2 Timothy 4:8. The Crown of _____. This is the crown for those who live and look for the Lord’s return.

4. 1 Corinthians 9:25. The _____ Crown. This is the crown for the victorious Christians.

5. 1 Peter 5:4. The Crown of _____. This crown is for the faithful pastor.

Revelation 4:10-11 *“The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”*

Closing: All of these events should motivate us to follow after Christ like we never have before. Not because of what I will gain, but because of what our Lord will gain. Let us be faithful as we continue to serve the Lord. None of us are perfect and never will be, but let us strive together to hear the words: “Well done my good and faithful servant”