



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #12: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Are You Sure?

- What is the Rapture?
- What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ?

Statement of Faith #12



We believe the blessed hope of the church is Christ's return from heaven to catch up the Christians who have died, together with those who are alive, to be with Him forever.

Jesus Is Coming Again

- The Bible is jammed with talk about Christ's Second Coming.
- Jesus made three promises before He died on Calvary for our sins.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

He fulfilled the first two and He will fulfill the third as well!

- What promise did the angel make in Acts 1:11?
- The Apostles were emphatic in their teaching about the Second Coming.
 - Paul** • "For the Lord Himself will come down..." (1 Thess. 4:16)
 - John** • "When He appears..." (1 John 3:2)
 - Peter** • "When the Chief shepherd appears..." (1 Peter 5:4)
 - James** • "The Lord's coming is near." (James 5:8)

When Will Jesus Come?

What are the signs of the end times according to Matt. 24:3-7?

Ready ... Set ... Rapture!

- Read 1 Thess. 4:13-18. What are the two phases of the Rapture listed in vs. 16-17?
 - 1.
 - 2.
- 1 Thess. 4:16 says the dead in Christ will rise first. Does this mean that believers remain in the grave until the Rapture? Note Phil 1:21, 23 and 2 Cor. 5:8.



- According to 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, what happens to our bodies at the Rapture?
 - According to Titus 2:13, what is our "blessed hope"?
 - When will the Rapture take place?
 Pre-trib Mid-trib Post-trib Pan-trib
- Reasons to believe in a _____-tribulation Rapture:
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

Summary

The Second Coming of Christ includes two parts; the **Rapture** and the **Revelation**.

- The Bible teaches that the **Rapture** is the "blessed hope" of the believer. The Rapture includes these three aspects:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- The **Revelation** (which is when Christ actually returns to earth for the second time) is that event when Christ will establish a 1,000-year reign on earth with His saints.

Are You Ready?

- **Be watchful!**
(Matt. 24:42; 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:6)
- **Be ready!**
(Matt. 24:44; Luke 12:35)
- **Be thoughtful!**
(I Peter 1:13; 4:7)
- **Be faithful!**
(Matt. 25:21; Luke 12:42-43; Rev. 3:10-11)
- **Be patient!**
(Heb. 10:36-37; James 5:8)
- **Be holy!**
(1 John 3:3; 2 Peter 3:11-12)