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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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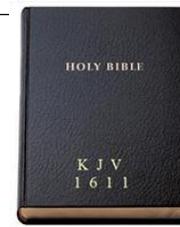


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V. Purpose Of The Rapture

1. A Reunion

1) With our LOVED ones in the Lord

1 The 3:13; 4:13-14

To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

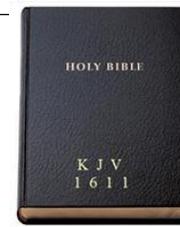
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

2) With those who LED us to the Lord

2 Cor 1:14

As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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1 The 2:19-20

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

For ye are our glory and joy.

3) With our LORD

John 14:2-3

In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

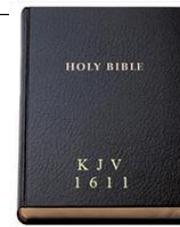
John 16:22

And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

1 The 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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2. A Removal

1) Of God's REPRESENTATIVES to AVOID the Tribulation

2 Cor 5:20

Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

1 The 1:10; 5:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which **delivered us from the wrath to come**.

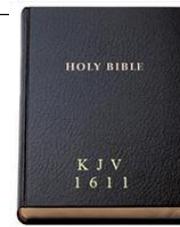
For God hath **not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev 3:10

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

- A nation will recall its ambassador to another nation if conditions in the host nation are such that the ambassador's safety is jeopardized
- This world is full of tribulation and conditions are worsening, but God's ambassadors will be evacuated from this world before THE Tribulation

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2) Of God's RESTAINER to ADVANCE the Tribulation

2 The 2:6-8

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

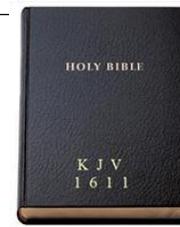
And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Matt 24:12

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

- The indwelling Holy Spirit has been restraining iniquity through the presence of the church like a barricade restrains angry rioters or a dam restrains the waters
- When the church is raptured, the Holy Spirit's restraint on iniquity will be removed and iniquity will abound to unprecedented levels

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3. A Relocation

John 14:2-3

In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; **that where I am, there ye may be also.**

1 The 4:17

Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

4. A Redemption

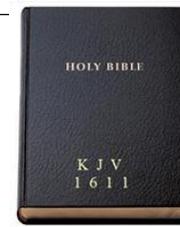
Rom 8:19,23,29

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, **the redemption of our body.**

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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Ph 3:20-21

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

5. A Realization

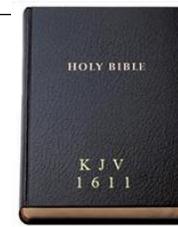
Rom 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Tit 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

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6. A Reward

2 Tim 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Cor 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Cor 3:13-15

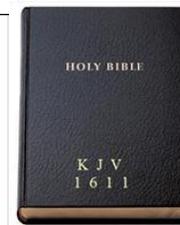
Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Rev 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.



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