



\_\_\_\_\_ means "to catch up or snatch away." Believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected and, along with believers who are still living, will meet the Lord in the air. This will all occur in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. The second coming is when Jesus returns to defeat the Antichrist, destroy \_\_\_\_\_, and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in **Revelation 19:11-16**.

- Some will \_\_\_\_\_. **2 Peter 3:3-4**

### 3 QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FUTURE RESURRECTION:

1. How will the dead be raised?
2. What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ will we have?
3. Why does it matter?

### 4 TRUTHS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE RAPTURE

1. You will be known as you were \_\_\_\_\_ in the afterlife. **vs. 36-38**
  - A. Paul gave three analogies to help us understand our resurrection:
    1. Analogy of the Seed
    2. Analogy of the \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Analogy of the Celestial Bodies
  - B. Paul gives a series of contrast.
    1. Present body: Planted one day, \_\_\_\_\_, weak, Natural, earthly.
    2. Resurrection Body: Design for forever, \_\_\_\_\_, Powerful, Spiritual, Heavenly.
2. At the Rapture you will receive a new body that can \_\_\_\_\_ heaven. **Vs. 45-50**
3. The Rapture/Resurrection could happen at any moment. **vs. 51-56**
  - **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
4. Until the Rapture, stay faithful, \_\_\_\_\_, immovable, and focused. **vs. 57-58**
  - What would our daily schedules look like if we knew Christ was returning at 11 o'clock tonight?

# Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from September 4, 2022

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- In **Philippians 4:17**, Paul spoke to the Philippian church about “crediting to their account” how their “job interview” was going. After the message this weekend, it only makes sense to do the same in our lives – take account of how our “job interview” is going. So here’s the question: If you had to stop all that you do for 3 months, what kind of spiritual impact would be missed?

  - **Philippians 4:17** Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. [NIV]
- How do the following verses describe what it takes to receive rewards and prepare for our ultimate assignment in Heaven?

**Luke 6:27-31, Luke 6:35-36, Matthew 10:42, Ephesians 6:5-8, 1 Corinthians 9:18-23**

  - Now go back and rate yourself on each of these on a 1 to 5 scale. How are you doing?
- Rewards in Heaven, serving God and impacting others for eternity, though not easy, give us as followers of Christ a great sense of purpose, hope, and “stick-to-itiveness.” Yet at times we can get caught in the trap of thinking our “good works” here on earth are earning our way to Heaven. How might the following verses help us avoid this faulty mindset?

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. [NIV]

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. [NIV]

**Ephesians 2:13-14** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. [NIV]

**Matthew 6:1-4** Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. [NIV]