

## Don't be Left Behind

Perhaps one of the most bizarre doctrines of Biblical Christianity is the Rapture as depicted in the painting below by an unknown artist: *"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command...and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."* [1 Thes 4:16-18](#)

Actually the idea is not so strange as there are seven raptures in the Bible:



1) **"Enoch** walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away." [Genesis 5:24](#)

2) The death of Moses was special according to [Matt 17:3](#) and [Jude 1:9](#), and according to Jewish history **Moses** was taken up in a cloud.

3) "...suddenly a chariot of fire...and **Elijah** went up to heaven in a whirlwind." [2 Kings 2:11](#)

4) "...the Lord **Jesus**...was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God." [Mark 16:19](#)

5) **Old Testament Saints**: "...The bodies of many holy people ...came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people." [Matt 27:52-53](#)

6) **The Church** (future): "...we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." [1 Thess 4:17](#)

7) **The Two Witnesses** (future): "...the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror

struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on." [Rev 11:11-12](#)

**First a trumpet everyone will hear:** "All you people of the world...when a trumpet sounds, you will hear it." [Isaiah 18:3](#)

**The resurrection of Jesus is an example for us:** "But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits..." [1 Cor 15:23](#) "Jesus Christ...the firstborn from the dead..." [Rev 1:5](#) "...we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." [1 John 3:2](#) So resurrection should happen for us like Jesus.

"...Simon Peter...saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen." [John 20:6-7](#). Likewise for us, our earthly clothes will be left behind and our new supernatural clothing will undoubtedly be white robes. ([Rev 6:11](#), [7:9](#), [7:13-14](#))

Just imagine the stunning sight of a

resurrected person standing next to his fallen earthly clothing, clothed his new heavenly clothing.

*“Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father...”* [John 20:17](#) So Jesus did not immediately ascend into heaven after being resurrected, but stayed around a while. Similarly, the Old Testament saints that were resurrected stayed around a while: *“...The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.”* [Matt 27:52-53](#) So similarly, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, when we are resurrected in the Rapture, at least some of us may be able to speak to our unsaved relatives and friends to explain to them what has happened and what they need to do to be saved.

I would expect also that maybe some of us could stop our car, or land a plane so that many would not be denied the opportunity to repent instead of dying instantly in a disaster.

From Facebook, Google, etc. they have profiled your personal preferences. and could already **identify you as a Christian**. High resolution satellites can see even the arms and legs of a pedestrian, and can look into the past. There is already **no place to hide**. They monitor telecommunications for words like *bomb*, but just as easily could **look for Jesus**.

*“... forced all...to receive a mark... so that they **could not buy or sell** unless they had the mark...”* [Rev 13:16-17](#)

**Is it all a huge coincidence, or is it efforts by supporters of the New World Order, to be used by the Antichrist?**

Don't miss the rapture. The **salvation of your soul** is personal between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions, good works, or belonging to any church or religion: *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works...”* [Eph 2:8-9](#) No matter what kind of person you are or what

you have done: *“If you confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* [John 3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *“...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”* [2 Cor 5:17](#)

**Please pray like this with all sincerity:** "Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died to forgive my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Please guide my life and help me to do your will. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

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