

SUMMARY: The concept of the Rapture in which some will be taken away while most of us simply remain here is not a scriptural concept.

The rapture is a concept of certain Christians, particularly within branches of American evangelicalism, consisting of an end time event when all Christian believers who are alive will rise along with the resurrected dead believers into Heaven and join Christ. It carries the connotation that some will be taken away and the others will remain here and continue as they were doing, likely unaware that some had been taken away. It is probably exemplified by the bumper sticker which says "In case of the Rapture, this car will be vacant".

In order to demonstrate that the "Rapture" is not a Biblical concept, a recording promoting the concept was listened to and every scriptural reference supporting the concept is listed and is typed completely.

John 14:1: "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you." (The first alleged mention of the rapture in the Bible)

I Thess. 4:13-18: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

I Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, no wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

I Cor. 15:51-52 "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Acts 9:7 "And the men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but seeing no one." & Acts 22:9 "And those who were with me beheld the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me." (Teaching that if the Rapture had already occurred, you might not have heard or understood the trumpet because the men with Paul did not hear God.)

THE END **RAPTURE**



In spite of the fact that the preceding was all the scriptures that were quoted, one should be ready to discuss the following verses also:

Matt 24:40-41 “Then there shall be two men in the field, one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.”

Luke 17:34-36 “I tell you, on that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. There will be two women grinding at the same plate; one will be taken, and the other will be left. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.”

Each of these verses are more reasonably understood as the Second Coming.