

Monday **What's Next? – Rapture**

A lot of people are very interested in future events. The Bible tells us about future events, not so much to satisfy our curiosity, but to give us an opportunity to be prepared. The next major event to take place is the Rapture. Though you will not find the word “rapture” in the Bible, its teaching is clearly seen.

1. Read I Corinthians 15:51-52 – What does it mean that we will not all sleep?
2. What does it mean that we will all be changed?
3. According to verse 52, how long will the Rapture take?
4. Read I Thessalonians 4:14-18 – Whom will Christ take with Him at the Rapture?
5. According to verse 15, who will be raptured first?
6. According to verse 17, where will we meet the Lord?
7. How long will we be with Him?
8. According to verse 18, what should we do in light of the Rapture?
9. Does anyone know when the Rapture will happen?
10. Since no one know when it will happen, how should that fact change your behavior?
11. Whom do you know that needs to know about Jesus?

The Rapture could happen at any time. There is no time to waste in life on trivial things. Spend each day as if it were going to be your last...it just might be!

Tuesday **What's Next? – Tribulation**

After the Rapture there will be no Believers left on earth. At that point God will begin extreme judgment on the earth. This period of time is called the Tribulation. God will judge the earth in ways that He never has before.

1. Revelation 5-18 deals specifically with the Tribulation. Since that's a lot to read at one time, we'll look at just a few pieces. Read Revelation 13:1-2 – These two verses describe the antichrist. Who gives him his great power and authority?
2. Read Revelation 13:11-14 – These verses describe the false prophet. Everything he does is for the purposes of getting people to believe and worship the antichrist. What does he do to show his power?
3. According to verse 14, what does he get the people of earth to do?
4. The antichrist and false prophet are revealed half-way through the Tribulation. Shortly after that time, the most intense judgments begin. Read Revelation 16. What judgment is most significant to you? Why?
5. All of these events will happen to real people. Remember that God gave us this information for a greater purpose than to satisfy our curiosity. He wants to push us to action. What action does God want you to take in light of the Tribulation?
6. Whom do you know that needs to be warned about the coming judgment of God?

The Tribulation will be the worst time to be alive on earth. Things as we know it will be very different. Be sure you are ready for the time when Christ comes back so you're not left behind!

Wednesday

What's Next? – Judgment Seat of Christ

While the Tribulation is taking place on earth, there are two major events happening in Heaven. One of them is the Judgment Seat of Christ. Only Believers will be there. Unsaved people will have their judgment, but at a later time.

1. Read II Corinthians 5:10 – Is the Judgment Seat of Christ optional?
2. This verse is not teaching salvation by works. II Corinthians was written to Christians. What does this verse teach is the purpose of the Judgment Seat of Christ?
3. Read I Corinthians 3:12-15 – This passage describes what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ. How does Paul describe the works we do in verse 12?
4. According to verse 13, will anyone be able to hide on that day?
5. How will our works be tested?
6. According to verse 14, what happens to the person whose works survive the fire?
7. According to verse 15, what happens to the person whose works are burned up?
8. Does this person then lose his salvation?
9. The Judgment Seat of Christ does not determine a person's salvation. Even if everything you do on this earth is burned up at the Judgment Seat of Christ, you will not lose your salvation. Read Romans 14:10 – If we will all stand before Christ, should we be judging one another?

Judgment is God's job, not ours; let Him take care of that. Our job is to do our best while we can.

Thursday

What's Next? – Marriage of the Lamb

The Marriage and Marriage Supper of the Lamb happen after the Judgment Seat of Christ. It seems to happen toward the end of the Tribulation. It does happen in Heaven, not on earth.

1. Read Revelation 19:7-10 – John tells us to rejoice at this point because the Marriage of the Lamb is come. Who is the Lamb? Refer to John 1:29 if you're not sure.
2. Who is the Lamb's bride?
3. The Church is the bride of Christ. What did the Church have to do to get ready?
4. According to verse 8, what will the Church be wearing to the ceremony?
5. According to verse 9, what statement is made about those who are at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?
6. At this point John was talking with an angel. After he heard the great things about the Marriage of the Lamb, according to verse 10, what did John begin to do?
7. Why did the angel tell him to stop?
8. What did he tell John to do instead?
9. What does it mean that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy?

Part of the Church's preparation is probably done here and now (I John 3:3). Part of it may be the Judgment Seat of Christ. What do you need to do in order to be ready for the Marriage of the Lamb? How can you help others get ready?

Friday

What's Next? – Second Coming and Battle of Armageddon

After the Tribulation is done on earth and the Judgment Seat of Christ and Marriage of the Lamb is completed in Heaven, Christ will physically return to the earth. The Second Coming of Christ is not to be confused with the Rapture. Though the terms are often used interchangeably, they are separate events.

1. Read Acts 1:11-12 – The promise was given that Jesus would return in the same manner as He left. From what place was did Jesus ascend?
2. Read Zechariah 14:3-4 – To what place will Jesus return?
3. Read Revelation 19:11-21 – In verse 11 Jesus is called Faithful and True. Since He is both faithful and true, in what way does He make war?
4. Jesus is totally justified in making war with the earth. According to verse 14, who will come with Him?
5. According to verse 15, with what will He win the battle?
6. According to verse 16, what name is written on His clothes?
7. According to verses 17-18, what will happen to those who are killed in the battle?
8. According to verse 20, what will happen to the beast, the false prophet, and everyone who received the mark of the beast?
9. According to verse 21, what will happen to everyone else?
10. Whom do you know that needs to hear about Christ's judgment?

God's wrath against sin is clearly seen in the account of the Battle of Armageddon. God hates our sin just as much now!

Saturday

What's Next? – Millennium

After Christ wins the Battle of Armageddon, He will set up His earthly kingdom. He will reign on David's throne for 1,000 years. This will be a kingdom like no other. What makes it so special?

1. Read Revelation 20:1-3 – Who will not be on the earth during the Millennium?
2. From the very start, that will make a big difference. How do you think the earth will be different without Satan's influence on it?
3. Read Isaiah 2:4 – This verse describes one aspect of Christ's Millennial Kingdom. There will be peace. What evidence is in that verse to prove there will be peace?
4. Read Isaiah 12:3-6 – What are the evidences that there will be joy in the Millennial Kingdom?
5. Read Isaiah 1:26 and Revelation 19:15 – How do we know that there will be holiness in the Millennial Kingdom?
6. Read Isaiah 11:6-8 – What do these verses say about the atmosphere of the Millennial Kingdom?
7. Read Revelation 20:4 – Who else will reign with Christ?
8. Read Revelation 10:7-9 – What will happen at the end of the Millennium?

There will again be peace on the earth just as there was when the earth was first created. Isaiah 9:6 calls Jesus the Prince of Peace. When He reigns, there is peace. Let Christ reign in your life today.

Sunday

What's Next? – Great White Throne Judgment

The Judgment Seat of Christ is for Believers only. The Great White Throne Judgment is for unbelievers only. The Great White Throne will be a somber, dreadful time. There will be no joy there.

1. Read Revelation 20:11-15 – Who is sitting on this throne?
2. Was there anywhere for the people to hide?
3. Was anyone exempted from this judgment?
4. Verse 12 speaks of the dead. Remember, these are the people who never knew Jesus Christ as their Savior. They have no hope of Heaven. According to what are they judged?
5. According to verse 14, where will death and hell be cast?
6. Where will the people be cast whose names were not found in the book of life?
7. Read Philippians 2:9-11 – What will every person do at the name of Jesus?
8. What will every tongue confess?
9. Though every one will eventually admit that Jesus Christ is indeed Lord, it will be too late for them. According to II Corinthians 6:2, when is the time to admit Who Jesus is?
10. Whom do you know who needs to hear about Jesus?
11. How will you tell that person?

The Lake of Fire is a literal place, and real people will go there and spend all eternity there. We all have a responsibility to tell as many people as possible about Jesus Christ so they don't have to go there. Don't waste any opportunities today!