

"CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH HIM"

I Thessalonians 4:17

1. Believers will be caught up at the end of the Church Age, those who have died, and those alive.
2. At this time our Lord will only be visible to believers and will not set foot on the earth ([Acts 1:11](#); [I Thessalonians 4:17](#)).
3. The rapture and the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ (LJC) are two separate events.
4. At the present we are in the dispensation known as the Church Age, and we do not know when this age will end.
5. The day of the Rapture, which will occur at the end of the Church Age, is the first day of the seven-year period known as the Great Tribulation.
6. The Second Coming of Christ (Second Advent) will occur on the last day of the Tribulation period and will usher in the 1,000-year reign of Christ.
7. Description of the "Caught Up" time:
 - 1st. Promised by the LJC just before His crucifixion, [John 14:1-3](#).
 - 2nd. At this time he keeps His promise and fulfills the prophecy.
 - 3rd. This time completes the Redemption of the body and the believer receives resurrection. [Phil.3:20, 21](#); [I John 3:1, 2](#).
 - 4th. Read [I Cor. 15:51-53](#), noting:
 - *"mystery"* (hidden from Old Testament saints).
 - *"we shall all be changed"* (Resurrection).
 - *"in a moment, twinkling.."* (instant).
 - *"the dead shall be raised incorruptible"* (no decay, no sin or death).
 - *"we shall be changed"* (new physical body, new personal attributes).
 - *"corruptible put on incorruption"* (No Sin nature).
 - *"mortal put on immortality"* (the believer will not die but receive an immortal body) – *RENDEZVOUS FOR LIVING AND DEAD!*
8. FUTURE HOPE
 - 1st. Sting of death removed, [I Cor. 15:54-56](#).
 - 2nd. Despair of bereavement taken away, [I Thess. 4:13-18](#)
 - 3rd. Confidence, stability, blessing, peace and a relaxed mental attitude enjoyed ([Job 19:25-27](#)).
 - 4th. Reservation made in heaven, I [Pet.1:4](#); [Eph.2:6](#)
 - 5th. A mansion, which Christ has prepared in advance, [John 14](#).