



One of the greatest promises Jesus gave to His church was the promise to return for them one day. Paul describes the Rapture of the church in I Thessalonians 4 and concludes with verse 18 that says, "Therefore comfort one another with these words." The Rapture, the Great Tribulation, and the Second Coming of Jesus can obviously not all be covered in just one lesson. However, throughout the Scriptures, we as Christians are given directions regarding our attitude towards God's promise of coming for His church (Matthew 26:64). It is that which we seek to give you in this study, a confident hope of His coming!

READY TO GO!

Let's pray for wisdom as we study the Scriptures today that we might benefit by the Word and be drawn closer to Jesus in our lives (John 1:1, 14).

<u>Before beginning your study please read the following passages of Scripture</u>: Matthew 24-25; I Thessalonians 4-5; Revelation 3; Luke 12:31-59.

Answer the following questions using your own words (use extra paper if necessary).

- 1) Can we know the exact time of Jesus' coming? (Matthew 24:27-36)
- 2) Even though we don't know the exact time of Jesus' return, what do the following Scriptures tell us we ought to be doing in anticipation of His soon return?

	Revelation 16:15					
	James 5:8					
	Philippians 4:5					
	Luke 12:40					
	Revelation 3:11					
3)	What are some of the purposes for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? (Matthew 16:27; Jude 14, 15)					
4)	In regards to our waiting on the Lord, what are we to do with the time that we have each day? (Luke 19:13)					
5)	What type of life should we be living, knowing that the return of the Lord could be at any time?					
	I Thessalonians 5:23					
	I Timothy 6:14					
	I John 2:28					

6) According to the verses below, what will happen at Jesus' Second Coming concerning His followers?

Luke 12:37	 	
Colossians 3:4		
l Peter 5:4		
I John 3:2		

7) What then should be our attitude as we wait? (Titus 2:12-13)

8) Seeing then the times in which we live, list below some of the things you can do for the Kingdom of God in these last days? (2 Peter 3:10-16)

MEMORY VERSE

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." Revelation 22:12 (NKJV)

NEXT STEPS 🔨 🗸 🏹

So you finished the 10 lessons, what do you do now?

The best thing to do now that you finished all 10 lessons is to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). As believers, we never stop growing in our faith and relationship with the Lord. We are to continue to grow as we study the scriptures and apply them to our lives. Be sure to plug into a church that teaches the Bible. Get to know other like-minded believers so that you have a place to fellowship, serve, and be held accountable. As you continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ you will eventually see that you will be used to disciple and train others who are new believers like you are now. Jesus said in John 8:12, "*I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.*" You are a light for Jesus and your responsibility now is to shine brightly for Him in all that you do!

<u>This is the last study in our "New Believer" series</u>. We hope that you have grown in the grace and knowledge of Lord Jesus Christ. We want to encourage you to continue in Bible study, fellowship, prayer and witnessing. Please know that you can still:

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