

THE NEXT EVENT OF THE FUTURE

INTRO: The church age in which we are currently living could end at any time. Best appreciate it while we have it. When the rapture occurs the church of Jesus Christ will be lifted up - called out - from the earth. Let's look closely at this event from the Scripture.

1. The Promise Given - John 14:1-3
First the Lord addressed an attitude, then He offered an assurance.
 - A. Our attitude ? Vs.1 - "Let not your heart be troubled..."
 - B. The assurance - "In my Fathers house are many mansions..."
NOTE - Jesus did not just promise a home in heaven.; but also a Personal union with Himself. (John 17:11,21, 22-24)

2. The event explained by the Apostle Paul
 - A. He unveils or unravels the Mystery - 1 Corinthians 15: 50-55
 - B. He explains the process - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
These truths help us to answer correctly three questions asked today.
 - 1) What about signs - what should we look for ? We are absolutely Given **none** to be looking for. We do not look for signs - we are 'listen' for His shout.
 - 2) What about those believers who have died ? Certainly they will not be forgotten. They are already with the Lord - 2 Corinthians 5:6; Phil. 1:21
 - 3) What about the living on that day ? The effect of this event will be determined by their personal relationship with Christ - 1 John 3:1.2

3. The event applied - Titus 2:11-14
(Here we learn that the rapture teaches us two things)
 - 1) Negatively - it teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires - 1 John 3:3 - Remember - what the world is coming to.
 - 2) Positively - it teaches us to live sensible, righteous (not religious) Lives in the present days.

4. The problem solved by John - Revelation 3: 1-13

THOUGHT: As Christians, we are the Bride of Christ. Have you pondered that concept, meditated on it ?

What traits and characteristics come to your mind when you think of a brides' being faithful to her husband ?

Does it really matter how she conducts her life while he is away ?

IF JESUS WERE TO COOME TODAY - THIS HOUR -

WOULD HE FIND YOU 'PRAYED UP', 'PAID UP' AND READY TO

'GO UP' ???