

Series: The Glorious Appearing

Title: An Invitation to Heaven

Text: (Rev 4)

God's Thrown: On the Highest Thrown: (Vs 1)

Paul wrote to confirm their faith & understanding of scripture.

(1 Thes 4:13-18)

I. What is the Mystery of Resurrection: (1 Thes 4:16)

(Jn 10:27) *"My sheep hear my voice,.. & they follow me."*

(John 5:28-29)

Resurrection of the Saved: (1 Thes 4:13-18)

Resurrection of the Unsaved: (Rev 20:11-15)

Paul Gives us the Order of Events: (1 Cor 15:20-23)

1000 year gap between these 2 resurrections. (Rev 20:1-5-6)

There is a Select Multitude: (1 Thes 4:16) ***"Dead in Christ"***

(1 Thes 4:16c) is the Resurrection of the Body

(1 Cor 15:52) *"the dead shall be raised incorruptible"*

(1 Cor 15:53) *"Corruptible must put on Incorruption"*

(Rom 8:21) *the bondage of corruption*

(2 Pet 1:4) *escaped the corruption*

Our Sin corrupted Our Soul:

Our bodies are not fit for heaven. (1 Cor 15:40)

Our Bodies must be remade suitable for heaven.

(1 Cor 15:50-53) *"This mortal must put on immortality."*

(2 Cor 5:1-4) *Clothed Upon! mortality might be swallowed up*

(1 Cor 15:42-44) *So also is the resurrection of the dead...*

II. What is the Mystery of Rapture: (1 Cor 15:51)

Paul calls it a Mystery: ***"Behold, I shew you a mystery;"***

Paul called it *Our Hope:* (Acts 23:6)

Paul Expected to be alive when Christ returned! (Vs 51)

(Luke 17:34-37) the non-believer WILL be left Behind!

"Caught Up" the word Rapture is not in the bible - ***Harpazo***

(Acts 8:39) *Caught away Philip* (Jn 6:15) ***take him by force,***

Transported from Earth to My Heavenly Home (Jn 14:1-3)

Rapture: (Harpazo) Also Means: Rescued from danger

(Acts 23:10) *"take him by force"* (1 Thes 4:14) (Rom 1:16)

How Are We Assured this is going to Happen?

(1 Thes 4:15-16) *we say unto you by the word of the Lord*

Jesus is Coming: (Acts 1:11) *This Same Jesus!*

Jesus will Shout: (Song 2:10) *Rise up, my love & come away.*

(Song 2:13b) *Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

The Archangel will be speaking to Israel. (Matt 25:6)

Trumpet of God: (Num 10:9-10)

Rescue: *The Great Tribulation will then Ensure.*

(1 Thes 1:9-10) *We are to be Waiting!!! Hope=Expectation!*

(1 Thes 5:9) *For God hath not appointed us to wrath,*

Reunion: (1 Thes 4:17) *"Caught up together"*

Reception: (1 Thes 4:17b) *"to meet the Lord in the air:*

This Hope is in Christ Jesus! (1 Pet 1:3-4)(Matt 24:44)

We Will Experience a Sure Deliverance: (1 Thes 5:9-11)

(Rev 4:1) ***After the These Things...***(After the Church age)

(Rev 3:10) **keep thee from the hour**

Who is Jesus Speaking to? (Rev 3:22)

(2 Thes 2:1) He is Coming, and we will be gathered (Rapture)

(2 Thes 2:3-4) ***Falling Away - Apostasia***

(2 Thes 2:6-8) The Great Restrainer
(John 14:16) **Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**
He will not leave me, so I must leave with Him.
God has a special love for the Church: (Eph 5:25)

God always spares His Own from His wrath.

Noah: (Gen 7:1,16) God Shut Them In!

Lot: (Gen 19:22)

Rahab: (Josh 2:18)

(1 The 5:9-11)

(Luke 21:34-36)

(Matt 24:36, 42, 44)

(Mark 13:32-37)

(Titus 2:13) Blessed Hope!

(1 Jn 3:3) Having this Hope

(Rev 4:1) (Rev 6:17)

I am waiting for Jesus, not the Tribulation:

(1 The 1:10) (1 The 5:1-4; 9-11)

(Rev 4: 2) ‘In the Spirit’ - Held in the Grip of Grace!

On the Thrown is God the Father: (Ps 103:19)

(Rev 4:3) (1 Cor 2:9) *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard...*

(Rev 4:4) Elders:

1. **Seated**=Authority. (1 Chronicles 24, 25, 1 Peter 2:5, 9)

2. **Crowns of Gold:** Wear the victor’s crown: ‘*Stephanos*’

3. Redeemed Human beings out of every nation (Rev 5:9)

Clothed in white: Righteousness of God (Rom 3:22)

4. 24 in number – Represents God’s Governmental Order
the 12 patriarchs of Israel & the 12 apostles

No longer mentioned once the Bride Appears. (Matt 19:28)

(Rev 4:5)

(Is 11:2) The Seven-Fold Ministry of the Spirit of God.

The Seven-fold personalities of the Spirit of God.

The Purifying Ministry of the Spirit of God.

God’s Surroundings: Purest Character: God’s Holiness
(Rev 4:6) (Rev 21:8) (Ezek 1:10) Identical to what John saw.

(Rev 4:7) Represents the 4 fold Ministry of Christ.

Matthew: Jesus is King: Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Mark: Servant of Mankind: Calf/Ox: (Mk 10:45)

Luke: Jesus is the Perfect Man: Beast with a Face of a Man.

John: Jesus, God the Son: Eagle

God’s Worship: Angel’s Praise: Ter Sanctus: **(Rev 4:8)**

(Rev 4:9) Man’s Praise: Dignum Laude: Worthy of Praise

(Rev 4:10) (Rom 14:11-12) *Every knee shall bow...*

(Rev 4:11) (Matt 16:26)