

The Mystery of the Rapture of the Church (10)

(1 Cor.15:51) "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed."

In our last lesson, we examined (1 Cor.15:51-5) by five homiletic points. We also listed five Greek words used for the Rapture of the Church for home study.

Today's lesson will summarize the mystery doctrine of the Rapture of the Church by the following six points.

1. The date of the Rapture is a mystery within a mystery.

Jesus Christ will leave heaven at God's command and return for His bride, the church. There are no foretelling signs for the Rapture (1 Cor.1:22; 15:52; **2 Thess.2:1-4**).

(Matt.24:36) "But of the day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." (2 Pet.3:9; 2 Cor.6:1-2)

2. Jesus Christ will be visible to only the Church Age Believers (CAB) who will be caught up to the Lord and the deceased Church Age Believers (CAB) with Him (1 Thess.4:16-17; 2 Thess.2:1; 2 Cor.5:6-8; Rev.1:7).

(Acts 1:11) "And they also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'"

3. Two sounds will be associated with the Rapture that only believers will understand (1 Cor.15:52-54).

(1 Thess.4:16) "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." (1 Cor.15:52)

4. All living and deceased Church Age Believers (CAB) will receive their resurrection bodies at the Rapture (1 Cor.15:20-23).

(1 Cor.15:51-52) "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed." (1 Cor.15:42-49) [5 changes].

5. All living Church Age Believers (CAB) will be part of the Rapture whether carnal or spiritual, whether immature or mature (Eph.1:13-14; 2 Cor.1:22; 1 Cor.3:1-3).

(1 Thess.4:17) "Then **we** who are alive and remain shall be caught up together **with them** in the clouds to meet the **Lord** in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord." (Acts 1:10-11)

(Col.3:3) "For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Gal.2:20)

(Heb.9:28) “So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.”

(Phil.1:6) “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

(1 Thess.5:23) “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(1 John 2:28) “Now, little children, abide (**meno / p.a.impv.2pl**) in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.”

6. The Crown of Righteousness will be awarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ to those CABs who reach spiritual maturity and maintain it to dying grace or Rapture (1 Cor.15:55-58).

(2 Tim.4:7-8) “I have **fought the good fight**, I have **finished the course**, I have **kept the faith**; in the **future** there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will **award to me** on that day; and not only to me, **but also to all** who have loved His appearing.”

Review of seven Mystery doctrines

- Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ (Col.2:1-10) [NOTES](#)
- The Church Age (Eph.1:9-14) [NOTES](#)
- Gentile Equality IN Christ (Eph.3:1-11) [NOTES](#)
- The Church, The Bride of Christ (Eph.5:32) [NOTES](#)
- Ambassadorship of church age believers (Eph.6:18-20) [NOTES](#)
- The Partial hardening of Israel (Rom.11:25-29) [NOTES](#)
- The Rapture of Church (1 Cor.15:51-57) [NOTES](#)