

# Ready or not, here I come

The call to be **READY** for the sudden return of Christ, from the Gospel of Mark 13:33-37

## Introduction

**1 Thessalonians 4:17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

## Why a Pre-Tribulational Rapture?

1. The book of Revelation, is laid out \_\_\_\_\_
2. The absence of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Church in the New Testament
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Rapture at the end of the Tribulation?  
**John 14:2** In My Father's house are many dwelling places; ... for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
4. Where do get the believers who \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom?
5. God promises to keep His Church \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation  
**Revelation 3:10** Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth
6. Only a Pre-Tribulational rapture brings \_\_\_\_\_  
Turn to 1 Thessalonians 4
7. The Church and Israel are \_\_\_\_\_

## Compare and Contrast The Rapture and The Second Coming

### MARK 13:33-37

**33** Take heed, **keep on the alert;**

for you do not know when the appointed time will come.

**34** "It is like a man away on a journey,  
who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge,  
assigning to each one his task,  
also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.

**35** "Therefore, **be on the alert—**

for you do not know when the master of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—

**36** in case he should come suddenly

and find you asleep.

**37** "What I say to you

I say to all,

**'Be on the alert!'**

**#1** \_\_\_\_\_ for believers on Christ's return **33**

**1<sup>st</sup>** The \_\_\_\_\_ to be **LOOKING** and **AWAKE** for His return **33a**

## #1 INSTRUCTION for believers on Christ's return 33

1<sup>st</sup> The COMMANDS to be LOOKING and AWAKE for His return 33a

### ALERT BELIEVERS ...

1-give themselves to watchful \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 4:2** Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving **Ephesians 6:18** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints 1

**Peter 5:8** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour

2-involve themselves to faithful \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 10:24-25** let us consider how to stimulate one another to love good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near **Matthew 24:45-51** Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave, whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But if that evil slave says in his heart, "My master is not coming for a long time, and shall begin to beat his fellow-slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, and shall cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth

3-adjust their \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare for a sudden return

**Matthew 24:42-44** Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will

2<sup>nd</sup> The \_\_\_\_\_ for His COMMANDS 33b

**Acts 1:7** It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority.

**Matthew 24:42** be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

**44** the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not think he will

## #2 \_\_\_\_\_ for believers on Christ's return 34

**MINISTER your GIFT 1 Peter 4:10** As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **1 Corinthians 12:7** But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**Romans 12:6** Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly...

## #3 \_\_\_\_\_ for believers on Christ's return 35-36

1<sup>st</sup> Be ready for \_\_\_\_\_ Christ returns 35a

2<sup>nd</sup> Be ready \_\_\_\_\_ Christ returns 35b

3<sup>rd</sup> Be ready as Christ returns \_\_\_\_\_ 36a

**Acts 22:6** But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,

4<sup>th</sup> Be ready always for Christ's return and never grow \_\_\_\_\_ 36b

## #4 \_\_\_\_\_ for all believers about Christ's soon return 37

1<sup>st</sup> The \_\_\_\_\_ Charged 37a

2<sup>nd</sup> The \_\_\_\_\_ Charge 37b

1<sup>st</sup>=Stay \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup>=Stay \_\_\_\_\_ **2 Samuel 24:24** No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.

3<sup>rd</sup>=Stay \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup>=Don't Stay \_\_\_\_\_

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