



Facing The Future Without Fear The Rapture Of The Church

The Bible teaches us that our citizenship is in Heaven. This world is not our permanent home—we're just passing through! James 4:14

1. **Jesus promised to return for us.** John 14:1-3, Acts 1:9-11, I Thessalonians 4:15-18
 - **Consider TODAY where you want to spend eternity.**
 - **Live with purpose knowing Jesus will return.**
2. **Jesus will announce Himself when He returns.**
 - **He will come down from Heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God to summon us to heaven!**
3. **The dead in Christ will rise first.**
 - **The bodies of all the believers who have died in Christ will be resurrected first.**
4. **We will meet Jesus in the air.**
 - **All believers living on the earth at the time will be caught up with all the saints in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air.**
5. **Jesus will give us new, glorified bodies.** I Corinthians 15:51-55 (NLT), I John 3:2, Philippians 3:21, Revelation 21:5
 - **Our mortal bodies will put on immortality!**
 - **Our new, glorified bodies will be free from decay and death just like Jesus!**
6. **Millions of people will be left behind.** I Thessalonians 5:2-3, Genesis 6, I Peter 3:20, Matthew 24:37-41, II Peter 3:9, I Thessalonians 5:9
 - **People who don't know Jesus will be confused and fearful by the traumatic changes that will take place after the Church is taken out of the earth.**
 - **They won't know what to think when millions of people disappear.**
 - **They will have to endure the seven years of tribulation.**
 - **Many scholars believe that Noah's life is a picture—or shadow—of the Rapture.**
 - **Five Things The Bible Says About Noah:**
 1. **He was a righteous man.** Genesis 6:9
 2. **He walked with God.** Genesis 6:9
 3. **He was a man of integrity.** Genesis 6:9
 4. **He did everything just as the Lord commanded him.** Genesis 6:22
 5. **He was a preacher of righteousness.** II Peter 2:5
7. **No one knows exactly when Jesus will return.** I Timothy 6:15, Matthew 24:36 & 44
 - **God will bring Jesus in His OWN time—at the proper time.**

How Can We Be Ready?:

1. **As Noah, walk with God every day!** Mark 4:19
2. **Like Noah, live a righteous life.** Matthew 6:33
3. **Like Noah, be obedient to God.** Isaiah 1:19
4. **Be a student of the Word of God.**
5. **Don't live in fear.** I Peter 2:9, Revelation 22:12-13, Revelation 22:20