

The Present Comfort (*Exhortation*)

4:1-12 Stability in Living Life

4:13-18 Stability in Facing Death

παρακαλεω

to comfort, to encourage, to exhort

παρακλησις

comfort, encouragement

Dan. 12:2 Many of those who *sleep* in the dust of the ground will *awake*, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace, everlasting contempt.

John 6:40 For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have **eternal life**, and *I Myself will raise him up on the last day.*

1Th. 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are **asleep**, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen **asleep**.

God will bring with Jesus

those who have fallen asleep

2 Cor 5:8 *Absent from the body,*
and ... present with the Lord"

**Do not grieve as those
who have no HOPE!**

1Cor. 15:42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown (*like a seed*) is *perishable*;
what is raised (*from that seed*) is *imperishable*.

43 It is sown in **dishonor**;

it is raised in glory.

It is sown in **weakness**;

it is raised in power.

OUR FUTURE: *ETERNAL GLORY AND POWER!*

Eph. 3:6 *This mystery* is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same Body (*the Church made up of Jews and Gentiles*), and partakers of the promise **in Christ** Jesus through the gospel.

Col 1:26 ... *the mystery* which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, **27** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of *the glory of this mystery* among the Gentiles, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

ἄρπαζω

to seize, plunder, snatch away

Matt. 13:19 When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and *snatches away* what was sown in his heart; this is the seed sown along the path.

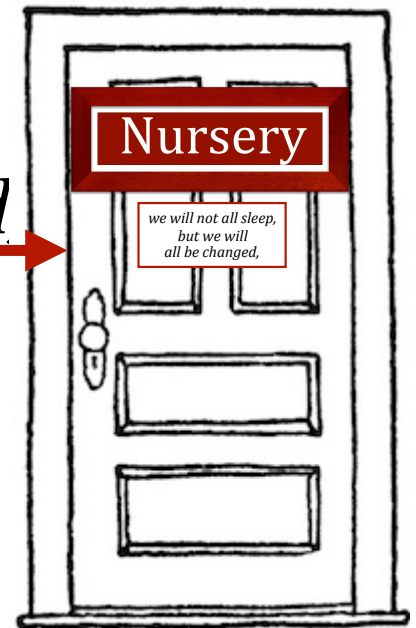
*The devil “**robs**” him of the word of God*

Acts 8:39 ... the Spirit of the Lord *snatched Philip away*;
and the eunuch no longer saw him,
but went on his way rejoicing.

John 14:3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you may be also.

“Therefore we will always be with the Lord”

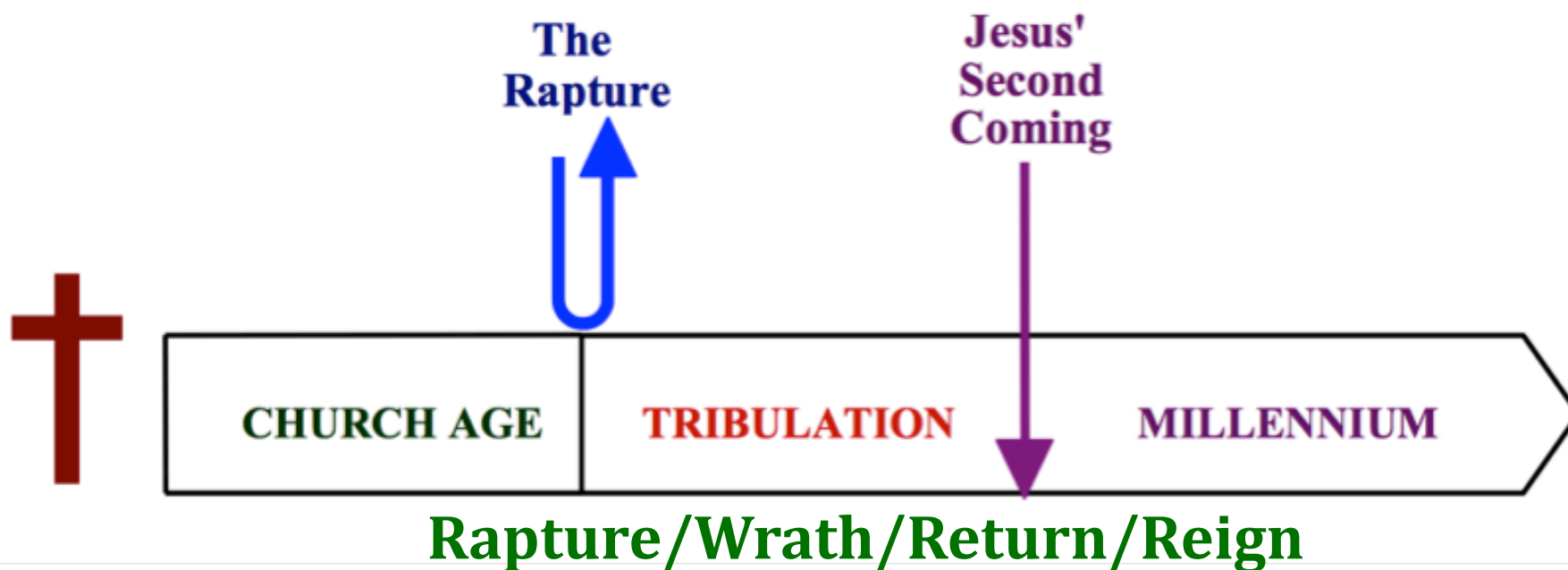
1Cor. 15:51 Behold, I tell you *a mystery*;
we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed
52 in a **moment** (*atom “un-cut”, instant*),
in the **twinkling** (*blink*) of an eye ...



The Rapture

“The Snatching Away”

THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE



- 1 *In Christ***
- 2 *Imminence***
- 3 *Paul's Own Expectation***
- 4 *Tribulation Not Mentioned***
- 5 *Real Comfort***

1Th. 1:10 ... to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who **delivers us from** (*out of*) **the wrath to come.**

Rom. 7:24 Wretched man that I am!

Who will **deliver me from** (*out of*) **this body of death?**

**NEXT WEEK: “THE PRESENT PRAYER”
THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING!**