



**Lessons on the Christian Life**  
**Lesson 8: Jesus' Return**

I have come that they may have *life*,  
and that they may have it more *abundantly*.

*John 10:10*



# The Rapture and the End Times

God has given us lots of information about how the world will *end*. The whole book of *Revelation*, though it is hard to read, will bless us if we read it. God promised that. Many terrible things are coming on this earth.

The terrible things that are coming are called “*God’s wrath*.” However, we have the very *good news* that God is not going to let His children experience His wrath. (Read 1 Thess. 1:10 and 5:9 to discover this.) He has a *plan!*

**1. His plan is called the Rapture**, which means “catching away.” God will catch away His own children, from their graves if they’ve died, or alive, to meet Him in the air before all these terrible things happen. Read about this exciting event in 1 Thess. 4:14-18 and 1 Cor. 15:51. Read it several times and explain it in a few words how you picture it. Notice that we meet the Lord “in the air.”

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**2.** However, Jesus told us that **no one knows the day nor the hour** when this will happen. We are to remain “ready.” What does that mean to you?

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**3.** How would a Christian live, who is not “ready” for Jesus’ coming? (Many Christians are not ready. We need to pray for these people.) **Write out a prayer here for someone you want to be ready for Jesus’ return.**

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**4.** A couple of **Old Testament saints** had a similar experience to the Rapture. They were taken to heaven without dying, like Christians who will go up when Jesus comes again. Who were they?

Genesis 5:1-24 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Kings 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_

**5. There is another similar event called the “Second Coming”** when Jesus comes back to earth. Sometimes people get these two events mixed up. But this one is after the Great Tribulation described in Revelation. Jesus is coming back to earth with all His saints and He will put His feet on the Mount of Olives (not meet people “in the air”). This is described in Zech. 14:4 and 1 Thess. 3:13. Then He will rule and reign on this earth for 1000 years, while the devil is locked up in hell (Rev. 20:3). Oh, how wonderful this world will be!! Read about it in Isa. 11:6-9. and Isa. 35. Write some thoughts here on what you think that will be like.

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**One thought to end this series:** We do not live just for today but for eternity. Every single thing we do counts for eternity. If we live a life of love, we will be greatly rewarded in heaven and everyone in heaven will know it. Let us live every single day to be more and more like Jesus!