

The transforming power of the rapture

1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Titus 2:11-15; 1 John 3:2-3

- I. Our body will be transformed when Jesus Christ returns to rapture believers.
 - A. Context: The gospel is true only because Jesus rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-34).
 - B. Context: Believers who die will be resurrected with a new eternal body (1 Corinthians 15:35-50).
 - C. Believers living at the rapture will instantly receive a new eternal body (1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Luke 24:39-43, John 20:19-20, 26-27, 2 Corinthians 5:1-5).
- II. Our lives should be transformed as we anticipate the rapture.
 - A. The rapture/resurrection should motivate gratitude, doctrinal stability and diligent service for Christ (1 Corinthians 15: 56-58).
 - B. Anticipating the rapture should motivate us to live self-controlled, godly lives (Titus 2:11-15).
 - C. Anticipating the rapture should motivate us to live pure lives (1 John 3:2-3).