## WORD OF THE DAY



*"Then we which are alive and remain shall be <u>caught up together with them in the clouds</u>, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." -KJV* 

## See You in the Clouds!!!



**Picture this!** *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. <i>And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean*. <u>Revelation chapter 19 verse 12</u> to 14 paints a vivid picture of the 2nd coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus. This will be a day when the Saints of God will return with Him for the final judgment, and to rule and reign for a millennia and then forever (Revelation 20:4).

**How quickly will Jesus return?** Jesus reminds us that He is coming quickly, yet the quickness of His coming is not pertaining to the brevity of a chronological timeline, but rather speaks to the suddenness(<u>quickness</u>) and rapid acceleration of events that will usher in His return. For illustration purposes, the return of Jesus would be less like listening to a short song which ends after not much time has elapsed; but more akin to playing musical chairs, which goes on for some time, but then all of a sudden, when the music stops, it all ends <u>quickly</u> with a rapid acceleration towards the grand climax.

**Get ready to fly!** So, how can you and me, and every other believer who puts their complete faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior, come with him in the sky if we are already now down here on the earth? Well, I'm glad you asked. In our verse of the day, we are told, "*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."* Jesus said in Matthew 24:40-41, "*Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.* For those who are left behind it will be awful beyond belief. Therefore it is not a surprise that Jesus warned His disciples in Luke 21:36, by saying, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to <u>escape</u> all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

**Comfort one another with these words.** When speaking of being caught up to meet Jesus in the clouds, Paul tells us in our verse of the day, to comfort one another with these words. This should remind us that the thought of Jesus' return is not meant to drive us to fear or panic, but to comfort us. As we look around at all of the chaos happening in the world, the Bible still offers words of comfort for all who put their absolute trust in Jesus. Beloved, let us not be hypnotized and distracted by the metaphorical music of living for the flesh, instead keep your eyes of faith on your metaphorical seat, which is Jesus, so that when the music stops suddenly(quickly), your spot will already be reserved in heaven.

See you in the cloud :).

Your brother in Christ, WNL

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

If the Rapture were an airplane flight, faith in Jesus would be the ticket/board-pass

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father God, I can't wait to see your beloved Son Jesus face to face in the clouds. What a beautiful day it will be when we all get to heaven. Father, you say in your word that many will not make it, so I pray for all of my brothers and sisters that they may ALL be counted worthy to ascend to be in the grand celestial procession of the Saints. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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