

The Church at Philadelphia the True Church

I. Future judgments:

1. Rapture.
2. Tribulation.
3. Second Coming
4. End of the Millennium.
5. Great White Throne Judgment.

II. The Church is guarded from the hour of the temptation.

1. The context for this promise: about 75% of Revelation is describes the seven-year Tribulation.
2. “Will come upon all men” is a universal judgment.
 - 1) The Tribulation comes upon all (Rev. 6:8, 13-17).
 - 2) The Tribulation is a manifestation of the wrath of God.
3. There is impending judgment—God’s wrath (Rom. 1:18; 2:5).
4. The Church is saved/rescued from God’s wrath (Rom. 5:9).
5. The Church is not appointed to any quality of God’s wrath (1 Thes. 5:1-9).
 - 1) “They” vs. “you” and “us” (3rd person vs. 1st and 2nd).
 - 2) Saved, rescued from the danger of His wrath, by the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 3) The coming wrath of God (Rev. 6:16-17; 14:19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:16).

III. Mixing the Rapture with the Second Coming robs the latter of its terror to unrighteousness and the former of its grace.

Similarities between the Rapture and the 2nd Coming	
The Rapture	The 2 nd Coming
Christ leaves heaven	Christ leaves heaven
Christ makes an appearance	Christ makes an appearance
There is a resurrection	There is a resurrection

Dissimilarities between the Rapture and the 2nd Coming	
In the air (1 Thes. 4:17)	His feet touch earth (Zec. 14:4)
To be eagerly anticipated	To be dreaded like a thief in the night Mt. 24:43; 1 Thes. 5:2

IV. Different words describing Church looking for the Rapture.

1. Long for, intensely crave (2 Cor. 5:2).
2. Intensely anticipate Rom. 8:19, 23, 25; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 9:28).
3. Take in hand for benefits (Tit. 2:13; exam. Lu. 2:25, 38).
4. Await expected coming of someone of value (1 Thes. 1:10).