

Topic 4 - The Church

From our earthly perspective the church began at _____; but from God's perspective the church is from _____ past

As members of the Church we have three new relationship to God:

Those in the church are _____ into God's family.

By virtue of the permanent indwelling of the _____ we are invited to share in the _____ of God Himself. To have intimacy with God and to be in the _____ as _____ is in the Father.

The Church is the _____ of Christ.

Christ is the vine and we are the _____.

When will Jesus return for His bride?

God has given _____ times and timing for the nation of Israel, but He has not given specific timing to the _____ or when the _____ will end.

We are, however, given _____ on what _____ will be present prior to His return and how we are to _____ for His return.

Conditions required for the end of the Church Age and our Lord's return:

1. As in the days of _____ – man filled the earth with violence and did as he pleased.
2. _____ must be in their ancestral land as a nation
3. Men will travel freely and _____ will increase greatly.
4. The ability to control all _____ by a single entity.
5. The ability of the _____ to look upon the bodies of the two witnesses.
6. A _____ not of the _____, but of the apostate church.

We are to be _____, full of love, faith, and _____; patient, _____ our hearts, not _____ against one another, and remain _____.

Events that take place at our Lord's return for His church:

1. The Lord will _____ from heaven;
2. The dead in Christ will rise _____;
3. Then those in the body of Christ (the church) _____ at that time will be _____ together with those who were raised to life; and we will be instantly _____
4. We all will meet the Lord in the _____;
5. We will _____ be with the Lord.

Events that constitute the first resurrection:

- a) The _____ of Jesus Christ;
- b) The _____ of the church;
- c) The resurrection of the _____ and the _____ saints at the end of the tribulation.

Effects and activities the church will experience at and after our Lord's return for His church:

1. We will _____ be changed and be given new _____ bodies.
2. We will be given _____ bodies like Jesus now has after His resurrection.
3. Our heavenly _____ will now be made manifest.
4. We will join in the great _____ of God in heaven.
5. We will be given holy _____.
6. We will be presented as the _____ of Christ.
7. We each will be _____ not for _____, but for _____.
 - a. An _____
 - b. Crown of _____
 - c. Crown of _____
 - d. Crown of _____

Scripture References:

Proverbs 2:1-8

Ephesians 1:3-14

Malachi 1:14

John 17:20-23

2 Peter 1:2-4

John 15:1-5

Ephesians 5:22-33

John 3:27-29

2 Corinthians 11:2

Revelation 19:7-8

1 Peter 1:18-19

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

John 14:1-4

Matthew 24:36-39

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Genesis 6:11-13

Daniel 12:4

Revelation 13:16-17

Revelation 11:7-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

James 5:7-11

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Colossians 1:15-18

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Philippians 3:20-21

Revelation 19:1-7

Romans 14:10-12

2 Corinthians 5:8-10

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Colossians 3:23-24

Romans 8:14-17

2 Timothy 4:7-8

James 1:12

1 Peter 5:1-11

Revelation 18:20

Revelation 19:6-10