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Although there are no prophecies **before the rapture**, there are multitudes that **follow the rapture**. Because the **tribulation** is only 7 years long; many events must be in **preparation** before the **rapture**. Some of them are as follows.

1. Jewish people must return back to the land. **Isaiah 11:11-12; 66:8**
2. Great blasphemies worldwide will be spoken against God. **Rev. 13:6**
3. The world as a whole will turn and kill God’s people. **Rev. 13:7**
4. Wars, threats of wars and conflicts **Matt. 24:6-7**

**Nation against nation;** 1484 eqnoj ethnos *eth' -nos* AV-Gentiles 93, nation 64, heathen 5, people 2; 164 (**may refer to race against race**)

1) a multitude (whether of men or of beasts) associated or living together

1a) a company, troop, swarm 2) a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus

2a) the human family 3) a tribe, nation, people group

**Kingdom against kingdom;** basileia basileia *bas-il -i' -ah*

AV-kingdom (of God) 71, kingdom (of heaven) 32, kingdom (general or evil) 20, (Thy or Thine) kingdom 6, His kingdom 6, the kingdom 5, (My) kingdom 4, misc 18; 162

1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

1a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

1b) of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah

1c) of the royal power and dignity conferred on Christians in the Messiah's kingdom

2) a kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king

3) used in the N.T. to refer to the reign of the Messiah

5. Strife and discord within the family and church will increase. **II Tim. 3:1-7**
6. Famine, pestilence, and epidemics will spread through the world. **Matt. 24:7**
7. Russia will invade Israel. **Ezek. 38-39**
8. Libya, Ethiopia, Turkey and Iran will be allies with Russia. **Ezek. 38:5-6**
9. Homosexuality and sexual immorality will increase. **Luke 17:26-29**
10. Jewish temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem. **Matt. 24:15**
11. Talk of world (Global) peace. **I Thess. 5:1-2**
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**TEXT: Psa. 8:3-5**

**There is no value** of putting any confidence in your flesh. Like, look who I am, or what I’ve done. Phil. 3:3-5

**There is no value** in trying to improve your own inward self-image in your own eyes. I am a sinner; deceitful, wicked, undone, lost, unrighteous, vile, and a liar.

This is enough to give a man a bad image of himself. Jer. 5-7

**Although this is true, we must see ourselves thru the eyes of God.**

**Phil 4:8 Learn how to think**

1. “I am somebody, .....because God says I am.”
2. “I am of great value,..... because God says I am.”
3. “I am greatly loved, .....because God says I am.”
4. “I am a child of God by faith, .....because God says I am.”

**Therefore, I know;**

1. My sins are all forgiven, .....because God says so.
2. I am going to heaven, .....because God says so.
3. I need not worry, .....because God says so.
4. I need not fear, .....because God says so.
5. That He will help me, .....because God says so.
6. That He will never lose me or leave me .....because God says so.
7. I can do all things thru Christ, .....because God says so.
8. I can have victory over sin, .....because God says so.
9. All things work together for good, .....because God says so.
10. I can pray at the throne of grace, .....because God says so.

**Therefore;**

1. I can be used of God, .....because God says so.
2. I have something to say, .....because God says so.
3. I am worth listening to, .....because God says so.
4. I have a reason to sing, .....because God says so.
5. I have a reason to live, .....because God says so.

**Therefore by the grace of God; (1 Cor. 15:58)**

1. I refuse to live in fear or be intimidated.
2. I refuse to quit or be quiet.
3. I will speak and be bold.
4. I will be confident and serve the Lord.

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My Gospel is not only good news, but the BEST NEWS.

**TEXT: Romans 2:11-16**

There can only be two options concerning salvation.

- You can be saved and **lose it**, or
- You can be saved and **not lose it**, but
- **IT CANNOT BE BOTH WAYS!**

### 1. The Means of Salvation Romans 11:6

A. If it is by Grace, it must be **totally by Grace**.

B. If it is by Works, it must be **totally by Works**.

C. **IT CANNOT BE BOTH WAYS!**

Eph. 2:8-9 says, “For by grace are ye saved.....not of works...”

### 2. The Duration of Salvation John 6:47

For confidence in eternal security, consider the following questions. Which would be the “BEST NEWS”?

		<b>TRUTH</b>
A.	To think, hope, guess, or know that you have Eternal Life?	<b>Know</b> 1 John 5:13
B.	To have a payment for some, most, or all of your sins?	<b>All</b> Acts 13:39
C.	To be saved for a day, month, year, or forever?	<b>Forever</b> John 10:28
D.	To have a salvation you can lose, or one you can't lose?	<b>Can't lose</b> John 6:39
E.	To receive Eternal Life as a free gift, or by living a perfect life?	<b>Free Gift</b> Rom. 6:23

### 3. The Strong Points of Salvation

A. **Once His child, always His child.** You cannot find in the word of God where God ever lost or unborn one of his children.

B. **Once forgiven, always forgiven.** Your sins are re-moved as far as the East is from the West, never to be brought up again.  
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C. **Once a saint, always a saint.** Hebrews 10:14 says “Once perfected, always perfected”. People that believe you can lose your salvation, don't believe God made you perfect in Christ when He saved you.

D. **Once rewarded, always rewarded.** The rewards we receive at the Judgement Seat of Christ are incorruptible. 1 Cor. 9:25

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