** The Heart of the Rapture **

**1.** **John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions;if *it were* not *so,* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”**

**2.** **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17,** **“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be CAUGHT UP together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”** 1. Lord Himself--Shout, 2. Voice of the Archangel, 3. Trumpet of God

**3.** **1 Corinthians 15:51-52,** “**Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed.”**

**4. 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8, “And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.” The antichrist cannot be revealed until after the Rapture. But if the Church goes through the Tribulation period, the Church will know who the antichrist is because he will head-up the One World govt., set up his image in the temple, demand that people take his mark, kill the two witnesses, etc.**

**5.** **Revelation 3:10,** **“Because you have kept My command to persevere**, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth**.”

**6.** **Luke 21:36, “And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."**

**7.**  **I Thessalonians 1:10, “… and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”**

**8.** **I Thessalonians 5:9, “For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**9. Matthew 16:18, ”And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. “…..** the antichrist will prevail over the saints in the Tribulation period **(Rev. 13:7, “It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.”** However, Jesus said “the gates of hell will not prevail against the church.”

**10**. **Rev. 4: 4-5, “And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”** Rev. 4, the twenty-four elders and the Lampstands are in heaven before the scroll, which opens the tribulation, is opened.

**11. I John 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in Him, that whenHe appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”**

**12. James 5:7-8, "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."**

**13. Col. 3:4, “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."**

**14. The Bible never says the church will go through the Tribulation.**

**15. The Church is mentioned more than twenty times in Rev.1-3, and not again until Revelation 19.**

**16. Revelation 19:7, 11-14, The Church must be raptured to go through the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.**