

The Rapture: Leaving the Shadows for Reality

ARE WE MERELY CHARACTERS IN A VIRTUAL REALITY GAME ?

1 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols ~~to serve~~
to offer up {Jesus} a living and true God,

10 and wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, ~~who rescues us from the wrath to come~~ who **draws us out**
from the wrath to come

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him,
because we will see Him just as He is.

3 And everyone who has this ~~hope fixed~~ **certainty** {centered} on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image
from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you ~~may~~ **would become**
partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2 Peter 3:3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,
{literally, "in the last days there will come **mocking mockers**"}

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

1 Corinthians 1:7-8 ... awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Timothy 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Romans 4:17 ...God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. {literally, "summons the non-existing as existing."}

Hebrews 8:5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "See," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us

Colossians 2:17 ... things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

Colossians 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son

Ephesians 2: 6 (God) raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ