

# LEFT BEHIND

## The Truth

*Sunday, March 10, 2002*

**Hebrews 9:28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**John 14:1-3** <sup>1</sup>Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup>Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Belief in the imminent ("at any moment") coming of Christ produces three vital effects in the church:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
**1 John 3:3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mark 13:33-37** <sup>33</sup>Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. <sup>34</sup>For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. <sup>35</sup>Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: <sup>36</sup>Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 20:15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Matthew 24:21-22** <sup>21</sup>For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-10** <sup>9</sup>For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

## TWO FATAL ERRORS PROMOTED BY "LEFT BEHIND"

1. You cannot get saved just by praying the sinner's prayer; you must \_\_\_\_\_!

- **John 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

2. Even if you know the Bible way to obey the gospel, you cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ after the Rapture!

- **John 6:44** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 (KJV)** <sup>6</sup>And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12** <sup>10</sup>And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: <sup>12</sup>That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- **2 Corinthians 6:2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)