

**WARNING:** You are going to hear much false information from many people, so study this Bible that is yours now. And beware that in the middle of the seven year tribulation period there will be a mandate to take a MARK. The mark of the beast is a mark that will be placed on a person's forehead or right hand as a sign of allegiance to the Antichrist (Revelation 13:15–18). Further, no one will be allowed to engage in buying or selling without the mark (Revelation 13:17). It appears that some form of worship of the Antichrist is associated with receiving the mark as we read in (Revelation 14:9-10 and Revelation 16:2), and those who refuse to worship the image of the beast will be killed (Revelation 13:15).

The question then arises as to whether a person who has received the mark of the beast can be forgiven. The answer to this question seems to be “no” according to Revelation 14:9–11, which describes the fate of someone who takes the mark of the beast, *“Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”*

The eternal destiny of those who take the mark of the beast is the Lake of Fire. Why is taking the mark of the beast a damnable sin against God? Why would God condemn a person to hell for taking the mark of the beast? The Bible confirms that taking the mark of the beast will be a blasphemous act of willful defiance against God. Receiving the mark of the beast is essentially worshipping Satan. Those who take the mark have made the choice to serve Satan rather than

obey God and receive Christ as Savior. When people make that decision during the tribulation, God will grant their request to be eternally separated from Him.

Now that you have this Bible, trust in the Lord and become a believer. Study His Word, pray and ask the Father to help you as you navigate thru these upcoming difficult times, and if you are sincere He WILL. Because the Bible tells us that: *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you” (James 1:5).* And always remember to *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

Here is an example of how you might pray. Use your own words, and remember that it needs to come from a sincere heart because, *if you regard wickedness in your heart, the Lord will not hear (Psalm 66:18).*

Lord Jesus, You love me even though I have not loved You. I admit that I am a sinner and I know that there is no other way to have my many sins forgiven except through Your blood, that was shed at Calvary for sinners such as me. I believe that You died for me and that You took all the punishment for my sins that I justly deserve.

Lord I repent of all my sins and pray that You would forgive me all my trespasses. Please come into my life – I receive You as my Savior for You promised that as many as receive You, You will give the right to become Your children (John 1:12). Lord I believe and want to follow You as My Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Thank you for hearing my prayer, and for saving me from an eternity apart from You dear Lord. Amen

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND AFTER THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

Dear Friend:

As you are reading this note that has been left in this Bible, please know that God loves you and that He wants you to be with Him for all eternity. The book of John tells us in Chapter 3 verse 16 that *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

You might have heard the Bible taught and you might have postponed accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and now you are confronted with a situation that is very puzzling and frightening to you.

With the chaotic state that the world is now, you probably were awakened by the sound of sirens and your phone might have been broadcasting an emergency channel alert. You might have run to turn on the television to see what the news had to say, or you might have gotten the news on your smart phone and heard that the world is in a state of chaos. All kinds of disasters have happened, people are injured and then there are reports of people missing all over the world.

There are rumors that people just vanished and many say that UFOs have taken them away. You might have small children, only to find out that they have disappeared also. Then on the evening news the announcement is made that the United Security Counsel, in emergency session, has concluded that the earth had indeed been visited by a craft from another planet and had taken many people. THESE ARE ALL LIES.

I want you to know the truth of God's word and why people have vanished. Please take a look at the book of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. If you are not familiar with the Bible, there is an index in

the front, look in the listing for the page where you will find 1 Thessalonians and then go to chapter 4 and then verses 13-18. They are all numbered, but I will write it out for you here: *“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.<sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.”*

You might have heard the term “**rapture**” it means catching away. And as the Bible tells us the catching away will be in an instant. Here is more information in 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 - *I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”*

Christ has come for His bride and has taken all the people that put their trust in Him to Heaven. In John 14:1-3 Jesus told His disciples: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me.<sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I*

*will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.*

Another verse that foretold the catching away is found in 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 – *“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.<sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man (Adam), the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man (Jesus).<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.<sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him.”*

Only believers were able to see Christ and hear the calling when He came, and were transformed and taken out of this world to be with Him. The Christian believers knew from the verse in Philippians 3:20-21 that their citizenship is in heaven. And they eagerly waited for the Savior to come, *the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, transformed our lowly bodies so that it became like His glorious body.*

Believers were prepared because they knew that the rapture or catching away could happen at any moment. And Jesus promised the Christian believers that: *“Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”* (Revelation 3:10).

You might be asking what are these commands, and what is it that they did. The book of Titus in chapter 2 verses 12-14 tells us that: They (the Christians) said *“No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,<sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,<sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.*

The tribulation period which will last 7 years will be a time as there never has been before and you might be killed for your faith, but your reward will be to spend eternity with your loving Savior and Redeemer if you accept Him as your Lord and Savior. Jesus said in Matthew 24:21 - *“For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.”*

Now that this has all happened you might be asking what can I do? There is hope even in the terrible times ahead for those who realize that Jesus Christ is the only way of escaping an eternity in the Lake of Fire. Jesus said: *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* (John 14:6).

Receiving Eternal Life is as simple as:

A – B – C

A - ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER - *“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23). A sinner needs to acknowledge that they have sinned.

B - BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS, ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND THAT YOU TRUST IN HIM ALONE FOR YOUR SALVATION, COMMITTING YOUR LIFE TO HIS SERVICE.

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”* (Acts 16:31) Believing in Him is the key to salvation as the prophet Isaiah wrote: *I, only I, am the LORD, and there is no savior besides Me* (Isaiah 43:11).

C - CONFESS YOUR SINS. - *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins.”* (1 John 1:9)

We need to tell Jesus that we have sinned and ask for Him for forgiveness. If we are sincere He will forgive us, no matter what sins we have committed.