

True Israel

- Acts 2:29-33: "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, ... Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, ... This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God," ...
- David foresaw the resurrection of the Christ. Christ is of the fruit of David's body according to the flesh. Peter tells us that Christ has been resurrected and exalted to the right hand of God, and thus, figuratively, sits on David's throne.
- Eph. 5: The New Testament speaks of the unity of Christ and the church
- Rom. 2:29: ... "but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God."
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- Gal. 4:26: ... "but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all."
- Heb. 12:22-23: "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, ... to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven," ...
- Gal. 6:15-16: "But in Christ it is not circumcision or uncircumcision that counts but the power of new birth. To all who live by this principle, to the true Israel of God, may there be peace and mercy!"
- Phil. 3:3: "For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh," ...
- Col. 2:11: "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands," ...
- Eph. 2:11-13: "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh ... that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ."
- Eph. 2:19-20: "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone," ...
- Galatians 3:29: "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" .
- 2 Cor. 3:6-11, we read of the superior glory of the new covenant.
- John 4:22-24: ... "for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming,

and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- Luke 1:31-33: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son; and He will be called Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give Him the throne of His forefather David; and He will be King over the House of Jacob for the Ages, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

- Rom. 9:24-26, 24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? 25 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," 26 and, "In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God.' Paul recalls that God told Hosea that He would choose others who were not his people to be "my people." They would be called "sons of the living God." (Hosea 2:23, 1:10)

- Rom. 9:27-29 he cites Isaiah 29:16 and 45:9 as evidence that not all of Israel would be saved, but only a remnant.

- Rom 10:19 he cites Deut 32:21 as evidence that God would make Israel envious "by those who are not a nation."

- Many text throughout scripture are now applied to the church in the New Testament.

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Rom 6:3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be

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- **John 6:50f** But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." 52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

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•Rom 7: 4 So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

•2Cor 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

•Col 2: 20 Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

•Col 3: 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

•2Tim 2: 11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;

Rapture **Pre-Tribulational rapture**

•This teaching asserts that right before a great time of suffering and hardship takes place on the earth, Christians will be suddenly and secretly “raptured,” or taken by Jesus, levitating up into the air to be with Him.

•Then, after the tribulation, Jesus and the Christians will return to earth

•He will set up His earthly millennial kingdom.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

Not So Secret

It is difficult to understand how Paul could more plainly describe something that is open and public. The idea of a secret rapture does not fit with this passage.

What does it mean?

"Coming" in the 1st century had two meanings:

1. The mysterious presence of a god or divinity when the power of this god was revealed in healing

2. When a person of high rank makes a visit to a subject state, particularly when a king or emperor visits a colony or province.

1 Corinthians 15:23-27, 51-54

23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For he "has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him...

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "death is swallowed up in victory.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

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