



**ARE READY FOR THE
RAPTURE?**

ABSTRACT

These are the last days, we as Christian believers and disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are expecting to see our Lord Jesus Christ coming down from Heaven to come to take His church that we are and judge the world even as it is written in the scriptures.

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What is rapture?

As I was preparing this series on Are you ready for the rapture, I realize the importance of talking about the rapture as well though it is not the main focus of our series. I have done some searches as the word Rapture is not the Bible. Find below some of my personal findings on this subject.

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The English word 'rapture' derives from the Latin verb 'Rapere,' meaning 'to carry off,' or 'to catch up.' Although the term 'rapture' is not found in the Bible, the theory is based on Scripture.

Those who accept the Rapture theory believe that all non-believers on earth at the time will be left behind for the tribulation period. Most Bible scholars agree the tribulation period will last seven years -- the final seven years of this age until Christ returns to set up His earthly kingdom during the Millennium.

Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Three main timeframes encase the theory of the Rapture. The most widely-taught view is known as the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, or 'Pre-Trib,' theory. Those who accept this theory believe the Rapture will happen just before the tribulation period, at the beginning of the seventieth week of Daniel.

True followers of Jesus Christ will be transformed into their spiritual bodies in the Rapture and taken from the Earth to be in Heaven with God. Non-believers will be left behind to face severe tribulation as the antichrist prepares to take his place as the Beast halfway through the seven-year period.

According to this view, non-believers will still come to accept Christ in spite of the Church's absence during this time. However, these new Christians will endure extreme persecution, to the point of death by beheading.

Post-Tribulation Rapture

Another popular view is known as Post-Tribulation Rapture, or 'Post-Trib,' theory. Those who accept this theory believe Christians will remain on Earth as witnesses during the seven-year tribulation period until the very end of this age.

According to this view, believers will be removed or protected from the terrible wrath of God predicted toward the end of the seven years in the book of Revelation.

Mid-Tribulation Rapture

A less popular view is known as the Mid-Tribulation Rapture, or 'Mid-Trib,' theory. Those who accept this perspective believe Christians will be taken from the Earth to be in Heaven with God at some point during the middle of the seven-year period of tribulation.

Brief History of the Rapture

The term 'Rapture' first became popular in the United States toward the end of the 19th century through teachings on premillennialism and dispensationalism by John Nelson Darby, an Irish evangelist. The rapture theory continued to grow in popularity among evangelicals largely due to a preacher named William Eugene Blackstone (1841-1935). His book, *Jesus is Coming*, sold more than one million copies.

In the late 1960's and 1970's, during the Jesus Movement, the Rapture theory made its way into many popular secular songs such as *Are You Ready?* by Pacific Gas & Electric and *In The Year 2525* by Zager and Evans.

The Rapture theory gained even greater interest during this time due to the books of Hal Lindsey. In *The Late Great Planet Earth* Lindsey predicted an imminent Rapture based on global conditions at the time.

In 1972 Russell S. Doughten produced a four-part movie series beginning with *A Thief in the Night*. The film recorded the events surrounding the Rapture in a terrifying way, creating widespread public interest in the theory. In 1991 the film *The Rapture*, with Mimi Rogers was released. It recorded one woman's experience through the Rapture.

More recently, the popular Christian book series based on the events surrounding the Rapture is the *Left Behind* series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins.

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As you have seen texts above, you can notice that this subject can be controversial, but we don't have time to waste on debates as the most important thing is to be ready for the return of The Lord Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Below are scriptures that will help you get understanding as The Holy Spirit will enlighten you and also some points that you should think concerning your readiness.

The Signs of the End of time and the return of The Lord Jesus Christ

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation;** but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Acts 14:21-22

And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, **"We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.**

Romans 5:1-5

Faith Triumphs in Trouble

Therefore, having been justified by faith, [a]we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces [b]perseverance; and perseverance, [c]character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-8

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and [a]tribulations that you endure, which is manifest[b] evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with [c]tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:12

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Matthew 24

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for [a]all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, [b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’ s sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Great Tribulation

Therefore, when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the [c]elect’ s sake those days will be shortened.

Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

The Coming of the Son of Man

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His [d]elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!”

And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

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The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”

And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines [a]and troubles. These are the beginnings of [b]sorrows.

But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will [c]be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, [d]or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name’ s sake. But he who [e]endures to the end shall be saved.

The Great Tribulation

So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ [f]spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter. For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’ s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the [g]elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand

The Coming of the Son of Man

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send His angels, and gather together His [h]elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that [i]it is near—at the doors! Assuredly,

I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Revelation 7:9-17

A Multitude from the Great Tribulation

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,
Be to our God forever and ever.
Amen."

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

And I said to him, [b] "Sir, you know."

So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to [c]living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

2 Timothy 3:1

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Comfort of Christ' s Coming

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen [b]asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who [c]sleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are [d]asleep. 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. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be [a]sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Therefore [b]comfort each other and [c]edify one another, just as you also are doing.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of [a]Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of [b]sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits [c]as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the [d]mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only [e]He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 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. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:18

Deceptions of the Last Hour

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3

and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 John 1:7

Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Zechariah 14

The Day of the Lord

Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Daniel 12:1-3

Prophecy of the End Time

At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Everyone who is found written in the book.
And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting [a]contempt.
Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

Are you ready for the rapture?

Philippians 2:12

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Nowadays Christians are observing the signs of time hoping and expecting for rapture to happen. Let's say if the rapture happen today are you going to make it?

In waiting we have compromised many things and started to be conformed to this world which is the opposite of what The Lord is expecting from us.

Here I would like to enumerate some reasons that may cause a Christian to miss the rapture and even miss the heaven. Note that these are not all the reasons, The Lord Holy Spirit will reveal to you personally what is needed to be worked out.

1. Being a true worshipper

John 4:23-24

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." Truly there are many different ways of worshipping God but there's one of them which reveal the worship.

Matthew 4:9-10

And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You **if You will fall down and worship me.**" Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

Daniel 3:15-18

Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and **you fall down and worship the image** which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "**O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.**"

Today in many churches around the world if you kneel down to worship God people will look at you as if you are crazy or playing super saint. Though we can the church a place of worship but we don't even worship God there anymore, maybe because we are well dressed or well-known or we don't want to offend anybody.

Isaiah 29:13

The LORD says: "**These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.**

Matthew 15:7-9

You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: **“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”**

Jeremiah 12:2

You have planted them, and they have taken root; they grow and bear fruit. **You are always on their lips but far from their hearts.**

Mark 7:6

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: **“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.**

Remember the Father is seeking for the true worshippers!!!

2. Not honoring or acknowledging God

Romans 1:21

because, **although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful,** but became futile in their thoughts, and **their foolish hearts were darkened.**

Hosea 11:7

My people are bent on backsliding from Me. **Though they call to the Most High, None at all exalt Him.** (NKJV)
For my people are determined to desert me. **They call me the Most High, but they don’ t truly honor me.** (NLT)

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

3. Jesus Christ is your Savior but not your Lord

Romans 10:9

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 7:38

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

To believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord, it means that Jesus Christ own your life and apart from Him you can’ t do nothing.

John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

4. Rejecting or Neglecting The Lord Holy Spirit

John 6:28-29

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, **This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**"

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:7-8

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper will not come to you**; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, **He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

John 15:26

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father--the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father--He will testify about Me.

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever;

John 7:39

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 20:22

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**

Psalms 51:11

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Revelations 2:7

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.**

Ephesians 4:30

And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

Acts 2:33

Exalted, then, to the right hand of God, **He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

1 Corinthians 12:1-7

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that[a] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. **Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.**

There are [d]iversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

Romans 8:14-17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, **the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.** And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** Now if we are children, then **we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ**, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Galatians 5:18

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

5. Not putting the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness first

Matthew 6:32-34

For the Gentiles strive after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and **all these things will be added unto you.** Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own."

All our doings and dealings should be center in the promotion and expansion of the Kingdom of God.

How does the Kingdom of God being manifested through you?

Are you manifesting (in your relationship, at your work-place, in your family, among your friend) the values of the Kingdom of God?

What do you do to promote and expend the Kingdom of God?

A kingdom is defined by principles, status and laws

6. Disobedience

1 Samuel 15:22

So, Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

6.1. Disobeying the Word of God

Nowadays, Christians can choose which verses to believe or which verse to oppose or which verse to tweak so to get justification of any wrong doing.

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears**, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

Psalm 138:2

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For **You have magnified Your word above all Your name**.

6.2. Disobeying by robbing God

Malachi 3:7-9

From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return? Will man rob God? **Yet you are robbing me**. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' **In your tithes and contributions**. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' **In tithes and offerings [you have withheld]**.

Ephesians 5:5

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who submit to or perform homosexual acts, nor **thieves**, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

6.3. Disobeying by Ignoring the commands

Matthew 21:28-30

But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. **Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go**. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first. Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I **say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you**.

John 14:15

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Mark 16

The Great Commission (for all the believers)

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who [d]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they[e] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

6.4. Disobeying by feeding the sheep not appropriate food

Matthew 24:45-51

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, **whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying [j]his coming, and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the **master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of**, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Ezekiel 34:2

Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; **Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?**

Matthew 10

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven [c]is at hand.' Heal the sick, [d]cleanse the lepers, [e]raise the dead, cast out demons. **Freely you have received, freely give**

7. Pleaser of men rather than lover of God

John 12:43

for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

2 Timothy 3:1-8

But know this, that in the last days [a]perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, [b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.** Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

8. Do not like to mature spiritual (forever spiritual babies)

Hebrews 5:12

Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to reteach you the basic principles of God's word. You need milk, not solid food!

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

9. Limited by denomination doctrines

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [c]instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

10. Neglecting to grow the fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ' s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

2 Peter 1:5-9

But also, for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control [d]perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither [e]barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

11. Neglecting good works or good deeds (work righteousness)

Matthew 23:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.**

Galatians 6:9

Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

But as for you, brothers, **do not grow weary in well-doing.**

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have **an abundance for every good work.**

Daniel 4:27

Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; **break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor.** Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."

Isaiah 58:6-7

Is not the fast I have chosen **to break the chains of wickedness, to untie the cords of the yoke,** to set the oppressed free, and tear off every yoke? **Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into your home, to clothe the naked when you see him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?**

Psalms 41:1

Blessed is he who cares for the poor; the LORD will deliver him in the day of trouble.

Deuteronomy 24:13

be sure to return it to him by sunset, so that he may sleep in his own cloak and bless you, and **this will be credited to you as righteousness before the LORD your God.**

12. Neglecting Woman in the ministry

2 Timothy 2:21

Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Zachariah 5:7-9

Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket" ; then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead [b]cover over its mouth. **Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings;** for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; **Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,** your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Why would God pour out His Spirit upon woman and not use them?

13. Pretense, secret sin and false humility

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever **conceals their sins** does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Philippians 1:15-18

Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

Colossians 2:18

Let no one cheat you of your reward, **taking delight in false humility and worship of angels**, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

14. Have abandoned their cross

Matthew 16:28

Then Jesus said to His disciples, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**

Matthew 10:38

and **anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.**

Luke 14:27

And **whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.**

Luke 9:23

Then He said to them all, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.**

15. Not ready for persecution or tribulation

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all **who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.**

John 15:20

Remember the word that I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well;** if they kept My word, they will keep yours as well.

2 Corinthians 4:9

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

16. Not having the zeal for the Works of GOD

John 2:17

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, **"Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."**

Psalms 69:9

because zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult You have fallen on me.

Psalms 119:139

My zeal has consumed me because my foes forget Your words.

17. Idolizing Servant of God

Acts 12:21-23

So, on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, **“The voice of a god and not of a man!”** Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Deuteronomy 4:24

For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, **a jealous God.**

Exodus 34:14

For you must not worship any other god, **for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.**

18. Loving yourself more than Christ

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

1 Peter 2:21

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps:

19. Being faithless

Hebrews 11:6

But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 3:12

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Hebrews 3:18-19

And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?
So, we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it

Hebrews 4:6

Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Hebrews 10:38

But **My righteous one will live by faith; and if he shrinks back, I will take no pleasure in him.**"

20. Have abandoned or reject the call**Luke 9:62**

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Are you ready for rapture?