

## Return of Jesus – Bible Study

### 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

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### Who?

we (v. 51, 52, 53)	Born again Christians, true disciples of Jesus, who are still living
the dead (v. 52)	The dead who had died in the Lord. Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:23
us (v. 57)	Born again Christians, true disciples of Jesus, who are still living or who had died in the Lord
brothers (v. 58)	Born again Christians, true disciples of Jesus, who are still living

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## What?

sleep (v. 51) – <i>not all</i>	die <i>in the Lord</i> (cf. John 11:25-26; John 21:22; Revelation 14:13)
be changed (v. 51) – <i>all</i>	changed from mortality to immortality or from corruptible to incorruptible
be raised incorruptible (v. 52)	resurrection + change from mortality to immortality or from corruptible to incorruptible

## When?

at the last trumpet (v. 52)	The day of the Lord. Cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Matthew 24:30-31, Joel 2:1; comp. Revelation 11:15-18
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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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others who have no hope (v. 13)	those not in Christ (cf. Ephesians 2:13; 1 John 5:12b)

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## What?

will rise <i>first</i> (v. 16) – <i>the dead in Christ</i>	“be raised incorruptible” (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:52), before “we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord” (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:15)
caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (v. 17)	
always be with the Lord (v. 17)	Cf. 1 Corinthians 5:8

## When?

When the Lord Himself descends from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God (v. 16)	The Day of the Lord. Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:52, Matthew 24:30-31, Joel 2:1
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**Matthew 24:29-31**

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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 (v. 30)	Note: the day of the Lord is a sudden but not secret event. Cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10
they (his angels) will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (v. 31)	

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Immediately after the tribulation of those days (v. 29)	Cf. Revelation 20:4-6 (Revelation 6:9-11), Revelation 7:13-14, Matthew 24:21-22
When the sign of the Son of Man appears in heaven (v. 30)	The Day of the Lord. Cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 15:52, Matthew 13:40-43; Joel 2:31, Amos 5:20, Obadiah 1:15, Zephaniah 1:7-8, Zephaniah 2:3
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## 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

**3 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, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 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. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.**

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those who trouble you (v. 6) those who do not know God, and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 8) These (v. 9)	those not in Christ (cf. Ephesians 2:13; 1 John 5:12b)

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when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels (v. 7)	The Day of the Lord. Cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 15:52, Matthew 24:30-31; Matthew 13:40-43, Joel 2:31, Amos 5:20, Obadiah 1:15, Zephaniah 1:7-8, Zephaniah 2:3
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**Matthew 24:1-3, 42-51**

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 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.” 3 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?” . . .

42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 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, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Acts 14:21-22**

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

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