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BIBLE & MESSAGE QUOTE STUDY:

The Rapture

What the Message of the Hour teaches about the Rapture

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INTRODUCTION

A question has arisen concerning some of the details of how the “Translation”, “Change”, “Rapture” is to occur. Some believe that physical death to all mortal beings precedes that Rapture. The following quotes of Brother Branham and scriptures will clarify that although death is a possibility for all mortal beings, for some of the last generation, the faithful End-Time Bride of Christ; these will not experience death but will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, their physical bodies changed from a corruptible shell to an incorruptible body like unto our Lord’s. *All of Brother Branham’s quotes are in date order.*

13 *Looking for THAT BLESSED HOPE, and THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST;*

14 *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

15 *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*

Titus 2:13-15 (KJV)

22 *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

23 *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, WAITING FOR THE ADOPTION, to wit, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY.*

Romans 8:22-23 (KJV)

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Terms used:

- Asleep in the Lord = *death/physically dead*
- Alive and remain = *Alive/living on earth – not physically dead*
- We all have to die – *for a Believer - "Now let us die to self"*
- Bro Branham's definition of "Change" = *YOU'RE TURNED BACK LIKE ABRAHAM WAS, FROM AN OLD MAN TO A YOUNG MAN, FROM AN OLD WOMAN TO A YOUNG WOMAN. (64-0823M Par 58)*
- *First Resurrection = The Rapture*
- Mortal bodies = *physical bodies*
- Will not see death = *will not die (64-0823M Par 58)*

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that **WE WHICH ARE ALIVE and remain** unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent **them WHICH ARE ASLEEP**.

16 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:

17 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.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thess 4:16-18 (KJV)

54-0301 THE.ANGEL.OF.THE.COVENANT_ PHOENIX.AZ MONDAY_

« E-6 † But we'll be gone at that time. Yes, sir. THERE'S A PART OF US THAT'S IMMORTAL. NO ATOM, NO HYDROGEN OR NOTHING IS NEEDED FOR THAT. IT'S SPIRIT. We'll be caught up in a moment, in a twinkling of the eye, to meet the Lord in the air.

- i.e. The soul (seed) is immortal...

53-0904 HEALING.WHAT.CANCER.IS_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

« E-45 † And the Spirit can move through us. Now, these things by our teachers is just cheated us from them. We ought to have been way up the road. How can we ever go in the rapture... **Do you believe the Church will be raptured someday?**

"We which ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN shall not prevent them which are asleep. The trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first." HOW ARE WE GOING TO HAVE RAPTURNING FAITH WHEN WE HAVEN'T GOT HEALING FAITH? Hear me.

There's coming an hour that when the Church of Jesus Christ shall rise in Her beauty, signs and wonders will fall from everywhere, and I believe that hour is at hand. Amen.

53-1115E A.GREATER.WITNESS_ OWENSBORO.KY SUNDAY_

« E-26 ...And at that day, when all of life is over and I done preached my last sermon, prayed for my last sick person, the Bible lays closed, and I know my time has come... And I know that setting before me, like every mortal here tonight, is a great big black door setting yonder. AND EVERY TIME THAT HEART BEATS, YOU'RE GOING ONE STEP CLOSER TO IT. IT'S CALLED DEATH. ONE TIME YOUR HEART BEATS, THAT'S ONE TIME LESS IT'LL EVER BEAT AGAIN. AND WE'RE GOING THAT WAY. I don't know when it's going to stop, but when I enter

there, I don't want to go like a coward; I want to wrap myself in His righteousness, entering into that channel of death, knowing this, that I'm persuaded that I know Him in the power of His resurrection; for He has resurrected me from a life of sin and made me His servant. And I know Him that way. And I know when He calls, I'll come out from among the dead. Now, as--I want that to my testimony. God bless you.

- Notice: Brother Branham acknowledges the possibility of him passing away before the Rapture

23 For I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the house appointed for all living.

Job 30:23 (KJV)

- **NB:** Job acknowledges the possibility of death also. Job, an Old Testament prophet has no knowledge of the "Translation" revealed in the New Testament.

55-0410S MY.REDEEMER.LIVETH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-15 SUNDAY_

« 82 ...As Ruth said of old, "Where you... YOUR PEOPLE'S MY PEOPLE. YOUR GOD'S MY GOD. WHERE YOU DIE, I'LL DIE. WHERE YOU ARE BURIED, I'LL BE BURIED." I WANT TO DIE TO SELF SO GREATLY UNTIL I'M A NEW PERSON IN CHRIST JESUS.

55-1003 FAITH.IN.ACTION_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

« E-2 † O Father, some glorious day He shall come the second time and we which are alive and remain shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first. **AND WE WHICH ARE ALIVE SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR AND FOREVER BE WITH THE LORD.**

56-1006 A.WEDDING.SUPPER_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

For, Lord Jesus, setting before us is a great dark door to every mortal here tonight and in the world; it's called the door of death. Every time our heart beats, we get one step closer to that door. Someday we have to go in. O God, speaking for myself, Lord, I want to go to that door with this one thing: I want to wrap myself in the robes of His righteousness, by this assurance that I know Him in the power of His resurrection, that when He calls, **HE WILL CALL ME FROM AMONG THE DEAD.**

- **NB:** Brother Branham acknowledged that Christ would increase as the end-time prophet decreased – Therefore he knew of the possibility that he would die before Christ's coming. (64-0614M *THE.UNVEILING.OF.GOD* Par 283 - below)

57-0418 THE.COMMUNION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY_

« 91 † May our hearts think this over, "I'll drink it anew with you in My Father's Kingdom." **IF HE SHOULD COME BEFORE ANOTHER EASTER COMES, IF YOU SHOULD DIE BEFORE ANOTHER EASTER COMES, IT WILL NOT PREVENT THAT GREAT EVENT. **FOR I SAY BY THE WORD OF THE LORD,** THAT THOSE WHICH ARE SLEEPING IN CHRIST SHALL COME FORTH FIRST. **AND WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP WITH THEM, TOGETHER IN THE AIR TO MEET THE LORD.****

58-1012 THE.SUDDEN.SECRET.GOING.AWAY.OF.THE.CHURCH_

« E-9 † Now, that's the way the Church ought to be watching for the coming of the Lord: all in order, all ready, all packed up and ready to go as soon as He comes; because it'll be in a moment in a twinkling of an eye. Just try to time how long it would take your eye to twinkle. **THAT'S JUST HOW QUICK THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH WILL TAKE PLACE.**

59-0525 IMAGES.OF.CHRIST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN MONDAY_

« E-61 ...Now, this is the order of the resurrection. "We which ARE ALIVE and remain shall not prevent them which are dead; for the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER **WITH THEM...**" Meet one another before we meet Him, meet one another before we meet Him... "Be caught up together with him--with them to meet the Lord in the air." All together.

59-0706 THINKING.ON.OUR.WAY_ CLEVELAND.TN MONDAY_

« E-5 ...We are looking forward to that time when the Lord Himself shall descend from the Heavens with a shout, and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise. AND THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CHANGED IN A MOMENT IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AND BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM TO MEET HIM IN THE AIR. How that thrills our hearts.

60-0518 ADOPTION.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY_

« 71 † "For I say this unto you," Fir... II Thessalonians, the 5th chapter, or I Thessalonians 5th chapter, one or the other, "I say to you; I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those that are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe Christ died and rose again the third day, even so those that sleep in Christ will God bring with Him. For we say this unto you by the commandments of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent or hinder (the best word) hinder those which are asleep. FOR THE TRUMPET OF THE LORD SHALL SOUND, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST." THESE CELESTIAL BODIES COME DOWN AND PUT ON EARTHLY GLORIFIED BODIES. "AND WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CHANGED IN A MOMENT IN A TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AND SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR."

61-0423 ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-69 † And we watch. And on the Pentagon when they get around there and could see those missiles gathering in around them, like that, not something made up, some fiction. It's actually the truth, here it is on radar. Here it is on--on the camera taking it. And they are so fast till they would just disappear. Einstein proved before he died, if two missiles was coming fast enough, or two men coming down the road in an automobile, could be coming fast enough they could pass right through each other without even disturbing each other. Coming so fast, it would take billions of miles per second to do it. But they would. Look at Jesus. We--we can't understand it. WHEN JESUS WAS COME INTO THE ROOM THROUGH A--A STONE WALL, THE DOORS BEING SHUT, AND STOOD THERE, AFTER HE HAD HIS GLORIFIED BODY, AND EAT FLESH... HALLELUJAH. Glory. You talk about space age, the church is fixing to take one fast.

Bragging about their planes going so fast: "We got a man in the sputnik." Why, my, what difference does that make to the church of the living God? Goodness.

61-1112 A.TRUE.SIGN.THAT'S.OVERLOOKED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 282 ...But those who sometimes... THEIR SOUL IS SAVED, AND THIS OLD BODY STILL BELONGS TO SATAN, AND HE KNOWS THAT HE'LL TAKE IT AT THE END TIME. He'll crush it and send it back till the bugs of the earth will crawl into it and eat it up; but he'll never touch that soul; for it's the precious treasure of God. And through that life, like out of the leaf, it returns

back to God Who give it, will come forth in the next season with a new body that Satan can never touch. Neither can old age or anything else ever touch it. It'll be a glorified body. We're looking for that, Lord. Bless Thy people now. They're Yours, and I commit them in Your hand. I ask this in Jesus' Name.

- **NB:** Brother Branham speaking in the context of "if the Lord tarries", as in general comments. (Cf: 63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME, Para 21)

63-0318 THE.FIRST.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN MONDAY_

« 364 † Then in Revelations 13, he sets the mark down. See, when He that letteth--only now Christianity is left on the earth in its purity is because Him that letteth. You remember back here in that--in Thessalonians? Setting upon the temple of God, calling himself God; forgiving sins on earth, and that'll go on, and iniquity shall abound and on, 'cause it won't be known yet until his time to be revealed is called. AND THEN THE CHURCH WILL BE CAUGHT AWAY. AND WHEN IT'S CAUGHT AWAY, THEN HE CHANGES HISSELF FROM AN ANTICHRIST NOW. OH, MY, THE CHURCH, THE GREAT CHURCH AND... NOW, HE BECOMES THE BEAST. HM. I WISHED I COULD MAKE PEOPLE SEE THAT.

« 367 † Now, remember, the antichrist and the beast is the same self spirit. There's the trinity. Yes, sir. It's three stages of the same devil power. Remember, Nicolaitia (See?), it had to be incarnate before it could be crowned. See? Now, watch this. Three stages: first stage he's called antichrist; second stage, he's called the false prophet; third stage, he's called the beast.

63-0412E GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY_ ALBUQUERQUE.NM FRIDAY_

« 305 † No good teacher believes that the Church, the Bride... THE CHURCH GOES THROUGH THE TRIBULATION, BUT NOT THE BRIDE. The church goes through, for purification, sure, under the sixth seal. Right. Israel does the same thing, for the hundred and forty-four thousand, but not the Bride. There's...

306 **THE BRIDE IS FORGIVEN. SHE GOES STRAIGHT TO GLORY, IN A RAPTURE.** That's right. She, my opinion, the last member will be caught up, one of these days. It might come, and you wouldn't know nothing about it. Remember, it's a secret, secret catching away. "He'll come in an hour that you think not." You won't know nothing about it. She'll be gone; be too late then.

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_

« 21 † And I got in my little old Ford, and started up the road to Ohio, as hard as I could. And didn't know, one of my wheels out of line, ripped the tire off of it. So then I... getting up there. Coming out of a filling station, about eleven o'clock. I was worried about him. I--I love him. **AND I KNOW, IF--IF IT CONTINUES ON, THE LORD TARRIES, WHY, SOONER OR LATER, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE EACH OTHER UP.**

22 **BUT, THAT WON'T HURT THE RAPTURE, NOW.** See? No. They come first, then. **THEM ARE PRIVILEGED, THAT'S GONE ON. THEY COME FIRST.** See? See? "WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN, TO THE COMING OF THE LORD, WILL NOT HINDER OR PREVENT THOSE THAT ARE ASLEEP. The trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then when our eyes behold our loved ones, then we'll be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and with them shall be caught up together." See? **THE ONES THAT GOES FIRST ARE PRIVILEGED ABOVE THOSE THAT ARE LIVING.**

- **NB:** Living = Alive on Earth when the Lord comes.

64-0112 SHALOM_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 SUNDAY_

« 1 † ...Sorry to hear about this brother that was with us, the last time here, that's got cancer, in the hospital. We know that we only have one avenue out of this, and that's the avenue of death. That, we all have got to walk that path, whether we the most righteous, the most holy one of us, we pack one another over the other one's grave. And yet Jesus said, "He that believeth in Me shall never die." **But what the "death" is there, is not what we call death.**

2 Like when Jesus spoke about Lazarus, He said, "He sleepeth."
And they said, "Well, we'll... he does well if he sleeps."

3 Then Jesus said, had to tell them in the language they knew, see, "**He's dead.**" He said, "**And for your sake, I'm glad I wasn't there, but I go wake him.**" See?

« 4 † And that's when He made that wonderful quotation that we have in the Scripture, "He that heareth, he that believeth on Me, has everlasting Life; shall not come into the judgment, but has passed from death unto Life. **I am the resurrection and Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.** And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die." See? Never die! There's no... **There's really no death to a Christian. Death means "Eternal separation."**

64-0402 JEHOVAH.JIREH.1_ LOUISVILLE.MS THURSDAY_

96 First thing he saw was a real horror of darkness come over him. First, a real heavy sleep fell upon him. NOW, THAT SLEEP REPRESENTED DEATH TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS. **Every man has to die; death to all human beings.** That sleep come upon him; and before that went a--a--a real horror of blackness; and then went a furnace of fire; and then a little burning Light went between the covenant, went between the sacrifices, divided it. **Now what does that mean? It means that every human being has to die;** and really, after that, deserves to go to hell; that's right, in darkness, outer darkness, separated from God; but the Light came in, and went in between, dividing those sacrifices. If you understand, we... That covenant!...

« 103 † What God was showing there He was doing, that God Himself was coming down to be made flesh, and He was going to be in the covenant. And God took Christ, the Spirit; God Jehovah took Christ, at on the cross, and He tore Him in two. **He ripped out His soul and set it on High, and took the body and put it in the grave. And lifted up the body, in the morning of the resurrection; and sent back the Spirit that was upon Him, to be on the Church.** That, the same confirmation in this last days, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," with that same covenant, would have to be in the people.

104 How you going to get It through education? How you going to get It any way besides a confirmation of the living, resurrected Jesus Christ that's been raised up from the dead and sitting in the Majesty on High, tonight? WITH THE SAME SPIRIT WAS UPON HIM, IS UPON ABRAHAM'S ROYAL SEED, IN THE LAST DAYS, CONFIRMING AND PROVING THAT HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER. Amen. It makes you feel religious, doesn't it? There it is, in the exact covenant, "WRITE MY COVENANT UPON THEIR HEARTS." Jesus said, "The things that I do shall you also."...

« 108 † THE SPIRIT THAT WAS IN HIM IS ON YOU, ETERNAL LIFE. He is the giver of Eternal Life. He's a Redeemer, to bring back that which fell in the fall, in the human race, to bring back to God. And the Spirit that was in Christ is in you. And if the spirit of a--of a Dillon was in me, I'd have guns. If the spirit of an artist was in me, I'd paint pictures. If the Spirit of

Christ is in you, the works of Christ you'll do. Amen. That's right. THE LIFE THAT WAS IN HIM IS IN YOU.

64-0614M THE.UNVEILING.OF.GOD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 283 † He did it in the reformers, taken on a veil, taken on a veil. Until, finally, it come down through the Lutheran age, down through the other age, THEN FINALLY IT COMES OUT INTO THE COMPLETE. JUST BEFORE IT COMES, A PROPHET ARISES AGAIN. What it does, it foreshadows the Word, showing back here, revealing what's been done, what's been left off, that the Church will be without... not without understanding. THEN WHEN THIS FADES OUT, THEN, LIKE JOHN SAID, "I MUST DECREASE, HE MUST INCREASE," THEN ALL-IN-ALL COMES INTO HIM. He is fully manifested, through Luther, Wesley, and Pentecostal age, and on down, on on down, He is fully manifested, you see, come down, just the manifestation, God unfolding: See Him (Now, notice.) fulfilled in His promises for this day, as they had.

- **NB:** "I MUST DECREASE, HE MUST INCREASE,"

64-1212 THE.HARVEST.TIME_ PHOENIX.AZ V-18 N-6 SATURDAY_

« 297 † Look, hurrying, there must come a true Seed. There has just got to be, because He's coming for the Bride without spot or wrinkle. He is coming for it, a Word-vindicated Bride. Oh, she'll be such a little bitty group. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, wherein eight souls was saved," (is that right?) "so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." How many? I don't know.

298 But, see, the Bride is going to be made up of all down through, that had the Word in their age. **It's not just this last group, God is going to take the whole thing out of here.** Oh, no.

299 It'll be--be so small, it'll be surprising. THEY'LL COME UP MISSING, YOU WON'T EVEN KNOW THEY'RE GONE. What if He took five hundred in this last days? You would never know it. Took five hundred in a few days' time, two or three days? There is that many people comes up missing across the world, don't even know where they're at, never hear nothing about them. The secret Coming of the Lord Jesus, She'll be taken away.

300 And the rest of them go right ahead preaching, just like it was in the days of Noah, "Glory to God, we got It, hallelujah," and sealed to their death. That's what the Bible says, and It can't fail.

65-0429E THE.CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE_ LOS.ANGELES.CA V-2 N-28 THURSDAY_

218 There's approximately five hundred million Christians in the world tonight, counting Catholic and all. Five hundred million so-called believers in the world. **If the Rapture come tonight, that would mean... if one out of a million was the count. I don't say it is. But if it was, five hundred people, in the next twenty-four hours, WOULD BE MISSING.** You'd never even hear of it. **There'll be that many missing, anyhow, can't even be counted for.**

65-0822M CHRIST.IS.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

« 68 † YOU SEE THESE LITTLE POCKETS GOING THROUGH THE AIR, THEY CALL "SAUCERS," so forth. People so... That, well, we better leave that alone. "HEAR ALL THESE PEOPLE COME UP MISSING?" YOU SAY. DON'T HEAR FROM THEM; THEY'RE STANDING THERE, AND THEY'RE NOT THERE. **THAT'S THE WAY THE RAPTURE IS GOING TO BE. One of them will drop right down, and THIS TERRESTRIAL BODY WILL TAKE ON A CELESTIAL BODY. AND THEY'LL BE... HIDE, HAIR, OR BONES LEFT; it'll be TRANSFORMED IN A MOMENT OF TIME, dropping right out of space and taking Home that.** We see all this going on now, and the--and the Pentagon

wondering about these lights, and mystic lights, and everything they're seeing in the--in the sky. You seen they had one here in the paper at Jeffersonville this week, and so forth, "A MYSTIC LIGHT." So, oh, they don't know what that is. BUT LISTEN, LITTLE CHILDREN, IT'S GOING TO PICK YOU UP, ONE OF THESE DAYS. See? See? Don't worry. Remember, Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom."

64-0614M THE.UNVEILING.OF.GOD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 303 He died, to reveal Himself to us. NOW LET US DIE TO SELF, to reveal Him to others. Let us die to the traditions and things, to reveal Him to other. Die to the denominations, to reveal Him to others.

- **NB:** We all have to die – *"Now let us die to self"*

DYING DAILY

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I DIE DAILY.

1 Cor 15:29-31 (KJV)

BAPTISED INTO HIS DEATH

3 KNOW YE NOT, THAT SO MANY OF US AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH?

4 Therefore we are **buried with him by BAPTISM INTO DEATH:** that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been **planted together in the likeness of his death,** we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

Romans 6:3-5 (KJV)

64-0802 THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_

« 173 † Now, many of you that want to put down this word, the Greek word, *"pass away."* It comes from the word... I had to find it. I thought, "How is this world going to pass away, and yet we're going to live on it?" But if you'll notice, some of you people that wants to put it down, I'll spell it for you. I couldn't pronounce it, *p-a-r-e-r-e-c-h-o-m-i-a*. I don't know how to pronouce it...

175 *Heavens and earth will pass away,* now, this word means, *"passing from one form to another."* It does not mean *"annihilation,"* as the English word would mean, pass away, it's annihilated. But the Hebrew word, or the Greek here, does not mean pass away; it means, **"FROM PASSING FROM ONE THING TO ANOTHER."** Look, but, **"TO PASS FROM ONE CONDITION,"** it says, **"TO ANOTHER."**...

« 176 † Now notice, Paul used it, if you want to read it now. Put it down, you can read it later. In Titus 3:5, Paul is using this same word, means regeneration of man, that man has passed from a sinner to a saint, not completely annihilated. When a man is changed, he isn't annihilated, but he's a changed person. **HE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM WHAT HE WAS TO WHAT HE IS, NOT ANNIHILATED.**

« 177 † Jesus used the same word in Matthew 19:28; now, not 28:19. Now, 19:28, He said to them, *"You'll set with Me in My Father's Kingdom, regenerated,"* you see, **"CHANGED," when you're changed. He used the same word.**

THE REGENERATION

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, IN THE REGENERATION when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matt 19:28 (KJV)

A NEW CREATURE

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; BECAUSE WE THUS JUDGE, THAT IF ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEN WERE ALL DEAD:

15 And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.

17 THEREFORE IF ANY MAN *BE* IN CHRIST, *HE IS* A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.

2 Cor 5:14-17 (KJV)

- **i.e.** Any Believer who has died to self, is a new creature

64-0823M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

« 58 † Now, the first thing happens when we're resurrected... The ones which are a-living will just still remain... THE RESURRECTION WILL SET IN FIRST, THE RESURRECTION OF THOSE THAT ARE ASLEEP. There'll be a waking time, and those which are asleep in the dust now, not those that are asleep in sin, 'cause they sleep right on. They don't awake for another thousand years. But those who are--are sleeping in the dust will be awakened first, and they'll--these corruptible bodies will put on incorruption in the rapturing grace of the Lord. And then we'll all get together. And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed. THESE MORTAL BODIES WILL NOT SEE DEATH, BUT JUST OF A SUDDEN, THERE'LL BE LIKE A SWEEP GO OVER US, AND YOU'RE CHANGED. YOU'RE TURNED BACK LIKE ABRAHAM WAS, FROM AN OLD MAN TO A YOUNG MAN, FROM AN OLD WOMAN TO A YOUNG WOMAN. What's this sudden change? And after while you--you're traveling like a thought, and you can see those then who are already resurrected. Oh, what a hour. Then we'll gather with them and then be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air.

- **NB:** THESE MORTAL BODIES WILL NOT SEE DEATH

64-0823E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

« 147 † "... or will there be sin on earth during that time?" No. There will not be no sin on earth. Satan is bound. "And will there be people on earth in corporal bodies during that time?" Yes, sir. WE WILL HAVE OUR GLORIFIED BODY RIGHT HERE ON EARTH, eating, drinking, building houses, and--and--and living just like we do now for a thousand years. It's a--it's the honeymoon of the Bride and Groom.

65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY_

« 78 † Then, when a man is born again, from Heaven, he becomes a spirit babe in Christ. AND, THEN, WHEN THIS ROBE OF FLESH IS DROPPED, THERE IS A NATURAL BODY, THEOPHANY, A BODY NOT MADE WITH HANDS, NEITHER BORN OF A WOMAN, THAT WE GO TO. THEN THAT BODY RETURNS BACK AND PICKS UP THE GLORIFIED BODY.

That's the reason Jesus went to hell when He died, and preached to the souls that were in prison; turned back into that theophany. Oh, marvelous! Thank God!

79 Second Corinthians 5:1, *"If this earthly body be dissolved, this earthly tabernacle, we have another one."* SEE, WE HAVE BY-PASSED THAT, TO COME STRAIGHT FROM GOD, THE ATTRIBUTE; TO BE FLESH, TO BE TEMPTED AND TESTED BY SIN, LIKE ADAM DID. But when testing of His Word is over, then we are taken up to this body that was prepared for us before the foundation of the world. It is the Word there that we skipped, to come right around, down here to be tempted and tested. If we'd have come through that, there'd have been no temptation; we'd a-knowed all things. THAT'S THE REASON JESUS KNOWED ALL THINGS, 'CAUSE HE WAS WORD BEFORE HE WAS FLESH. THEN WE BECOME THE WORD.

80 Here we are formed to the Word image, to be a partaker of the Word, feed on the Word, by being predestinated since the beginning; you see that little spark of Life that you had in you from the beginning, when you started your journey.

65-0218 THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_

« 63 † THAT'S WHY THE RAPTURE IS DIFFERENT, AND WILL ONLY BE FOR THE ROYAL SEED OF ABRAHAM. It cannot come by the natural, carnal seed of the church. It'll have to be the royal Seed of the Word of God, through Abraham, the royal Seed. That's why the Rapture has to be first.

Cause, remember, "**We which are alive and remain** shall not hinder, prevent **those which are asleep**. For the trumpet of God shall sound, **the dead in Christ shall rise first. We which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them, together, and meet the Lord in the air.**" Notice, and again it's written, "**And the rest of the dead lived not, for a thousand years.**"

64 Therefore, there, they will not be heirs together. **They'll not be in the Rapture together.**

65-1031M POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 324 † And from out of this chaos of this modern scientific Eden that we're living in, of culture and--and science and education, all this modern stuff, WE'LL RISE! "THIS ROBE OF FLESH WE'LL DROP, AND RISE AND SEIZE THE EVERLASTING PRIZE," SOMEDAY. We'll go through the air, and this will all be over. For the Word of God that's brought us from the modern thinking of our mind, transforming our mind into the renewing of our hearts towards God, and our spirits; that same Spirit that spoke that, has transformed us this far, and IT ALSO WILL TAKE US INTO HIS PRESENCE, INTO HIS GLORY, WITH A **GLORIFIED BODY**.

- i.e. We drop the corruptible (Natural body) and change to the incorruptible (Glorified body) and are reported missing (i.e. Body Change). (64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP par 22, 1 Cor 15:53)

65-1125 THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST_

« 325 † Church, you who I'm speaking to, tonight, across the nation, if--if you've separated yourself from denomination and all the filth and things of this world, and all those things that keeps you in man-made creeds and orders and things like that, you separated yourself. Look up. Get ready. The Fire is going to fall, one of these days. God is going to let Him come, and a sight to behold. Would you be ready when He comes? Would you be ready to go up with Him when He comes? THE SECRET RAPTURE OF THE SUPERNATURAL BRIDE, "SHE'LL BE MADE MOR-... FROM MORTAL TO IMMORTALITY; BE CHANGED, IN A MOMENT, IN A TWINKLING OF EYE. **WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN** SHALL NOT PREVENT THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP."

65-1128M GOD'S ONLY PROVIDED PLACE OF WORSHIP

« 22 † And it helped me, because I used to have an idea: when a person died, just their soul went off. But then when He quoted that to me, that "If this earthly tabernacle of our habitation be... we already have one." See? And we got to have everything in threes, to make a perfection. See? AND THERE'S ONE BODY HERE, THEN THAT BODY THERE WHICH IS THE--THE CELESTIAL BODY, AND THEN THE GLORIFIED BODY IN THE RESURRECTION. See, that makes it complete. See? So it's a... It's not a myth, it's not an idea, it's not a spirit. IT IS A MAN AND A WOMAN LIKE YOU ARE, JUST EXACTLY.

ONE TAKEN, ONE LEFT...

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two *women shall be grinding at the mill*; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matt 24:40-42 (KJV)

THE LAST GREAT VICTORY

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, BUT WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, AT THE LAST TRUMP: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

55 O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY?

1 Cor 15:50-55 (KJV)

- i.e. Death is finally defeated as its sting can no longer destroy its victim
- Notice: The last Trump (Sound of Victory) – *is for* - "We who are alive and remain" who are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thess 4:16)

THE FIRST RESURRECTION

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus (*i.e. Sleeping Saints*), and for the WORD OF GOD, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands (*i.e. Includes the Living Saints*); and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the FIRST RESURRECTION (*i.e. The Rapture*): on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Rev 20:4-6 (KJV)

- **NB:** The Mark of the Beast is an End-Time Revelation that applies to the last Church Age.

Terms used:

- Asleep in the Lord = *death/physically dead*
- Alive and remain = *Alive/living on earth – not physically dead*
- We all have to die – *for a Believer - “Now let us die to self”*
- Bro Branham’s definition of “Change” = *YOU’RE TURNED BACK LIKE ABRAHAM WAS, FROM AN OLD MAN TO A YOUNG MAN, FROM AN OLD WOMAN TO A YOUNG WOMAN. (64-0823M Par 58)*
- *First Resurrection = The Rapture*
- Mortal bodies = *physical bodies*
- Will not see death = *will not die (64-0823M Par 58)*