

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Son, daughter, brother, sister, father, mother, home. By now you've made the connection: "**family**." And even if you grew up in a difficult or dysfunctional family – for which you have everyone's compassion, as you should – **family still matters**. In fact, there's very little in these lives that supersedes or rises above the value of family. **Nor should it.**

The concept of family is a Biblical concept and not a societal one. The only thing to come out of the Garden of Eden was the family. But this concept of family, which is as old as the human race, really didn't take off until Jesus showed up. Among the ancients, family was restricted to humans. But Jesus established a link between Earth and Heaven. He validated His teachings by saying that the Words He spoke were not His own; they were the Words His Father (in heaven) gave Him to speak in John 14:10:

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority. But the Father who lives in Me does the works.

Then He extended the link to others. He taught His followers to pray: "**Our Father Who is in Heaven ...**"

That doesn't sound earth-shaking to us, but it did to His original followers. They only thought of God as the awesome, terrifying, distant cosmic power they needed to please. Without diminishing at all the surpassing greatness of God, **Jesus taught them to think of Him as their Heavenly Father.**

That opens up a whole new perspective on how we think about God. In fact, it invites us to have and maintain a relationship with God. 2,000 years later that is still a unique, startling, compelling concept. Of all the world's faiths, only Christians believe that God is Supreme, that Jesus is Messiah, the Son of God, our Savior and our brother, Who came to tell us that God is, in fact, our Father. We are one with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit – John 17:21:

That they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You. May they also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

Welcome!

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer in our homes: 6:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;
Kid's Club & Youth
Prayer ½ hour before services

RAPTURENAUTS – 3RD PART

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – 6 to 7 PM. Come join us as we pray for God's move here in our area.

Wednesday Bible Study – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club in the basement, learning about the Lord.

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TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-10

The English word rapture comes from a Latin word "*rapio*", which means *to seize or _____ or the actual _____ from one place to another*. Revelation 4:1; Matthew 24:21

I. A TIME OF _____ SUFFERING AND _____

A. The _____ Judgements – Revelation 6:4-17

B. The _____ Judgements – Revelation 8:7-11:19

C. The _____ Judgements – Revelation 16:2-21

II. A TIME TO _____, TO GET RIGHT WITH GOD – Revelation 7:9-10, 13-14

III. A TIME WHEN SALVATION WILL BE VERY _____

Accepting the Lord in the United States is not a matter of _____ but a matter of _____, a matter of _____. The Holy Ghost and His _____ as we know it today will be _____. Revelation 13:4; 6:9-11; 20:4; Jeremiah 12:5

IV. A TIME TO KEEP, READ, AND _____ THE BIBLE

The Word will be to those left here a mighty _____ of _____ and comfort. Psalm 119:50

We need to _____ on being ready and not focused on His _____. Revelation 22:7, 12-13