

All of the sudden some time the Lord will descend from heaven with the shout with the voice of the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ archangel and with the trump of God and all the deceased Christians will rise up from the dead. And we'll altogether be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Won't that be wonderful? My how some of the things that seem so important to us now are going to seem pretty petty then. You go up to meet the Lord in the air and here is someone else going up to, and you look over there and you say, Is that man a Christian? I never knew he was a Christian. You worked with him year after year. You talked with him. You had all kinds of disagreements with him and you never mentioned to him the fact you were a Christian. And he never mentioned to you that fact. Arn't you going to be ashamed?

And here is somebody going up, and you and he have been arguing about some little petty point of interpretation of Scripture. Some little point of manner of holding a service or something that made it so you were unable to work together, unable really to be friendly together because of a disagreement over some minor matter. Here you are going up together to meet the Lord in the air. I tell you it's going to put an end to a lot of things that divide real Christians today.

There'll be some surprises too, because some people that have spoken the most piously, some people who have seemed to be just ~~model~~ model Christians are going to stay down here. Some of them have said words, have gone through a form, have come forward in a meeting, have joined a church, but never have they from their hearts accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. They have not personally been joined together with Him through repenting of their sins and believing on the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Everybody around them thinks they are Christians. But there they stay. They don't go up. They're not real Christians. I tell you there are going to be some big surprises, when that comes. The Lord knows who are his.

Somebody asks me, Is such and such a person born again? Is such and such a person a Christian? I don't know. I can't see the heart. God knows. The Lord knows those who are his. You know about yourself, at least you should. If you are not sure you should stop and think about it. Have I really turned away from my sin? Have I really recognized that I am a lost sinner deserving nothing good whatever at the hand of God? And have I realized I can never earn my way to heaven no matter how hard I might work? The only way I can ever get there is by simple faith, recognizing that Jesus died on the cross and bore there the sins of all who believe on His Name. In simple faith I can turn away from my sin and turn to Him and be His. If I have not done that I can preach all kinds of sermons, I may understand theology as well as anybody in the world, I may be a great Hebrew and Greek scholar, I may make wonderful messages, but if I personally have not received Jesus Christ as Saviour when the rapture comes I'm going to stay down here and not go up.

Now when is the rapture going to be? Wouldn't it be nice if we knew? Wouldn't it be nice? We could just go ahead and live anyway we feel like.