

SECTION 13: THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING

We believe that the world will not be converted during this present dispensation, but is fast ripening for judgment; however, we believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is coming in the air from heaven to rapture the Church. This is personal, imminent, and will take place before the tribulation period. This is the blessed hope that is set forth in the Word of God.

We further recognize the premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with His redeemed ones to earth to establish His millennial kingdom over Israel and the nations of the Earth.

Jeremiah 30:18-24; 31:31-37; Zechariah 14:1-4; Matthew 24:29-30; Luke 17:26-30; John 14:3; Acts 1:9-11; I Corinthians 15:51-54; Philippians 3:20-21; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:9; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; 2:1-4; II Peter 3:3-4; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6.

SECTION 14: CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience.

Genesis 9:5-7; Exodus 18:17-27; II Samuel 23:3; Proverbs 16:12; Daniel 3:17-18; 5:21; Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29; 23:5; 25:10-11; Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:13-17.