

- a. How do you wait with keen anticipation? You wait through thinking; you wait with patience, which is the application of doctrine. You know the Rapture is coming. It may not occur in your lifetime, but you still know it is coming. In this way you apply doctrine, are occupied with the person of Jesus Christ, utilize +H, virtue-love, hope 2 and hope 3, so that you have a wonderful life and death.
  - b. *Sic transit gloria mundi*: “Thus passes away the glory of this world” because it is based on the achievement of man, on visible heroes. But we are called to become invisible heroes by advancing to spiritual maturity.
  - c. Jesus Christ is the glory, the resurrection, and the life.
15. The imminency of the Rapture is a doctrine for mature believers only. A mature believer is eager for the Rapture to occur. He is so occupied with Christ that he looks for the Rapture.
16. Only the Trinity knows when the Rapture is going to occur.

#### **D. The Power of Resurrection.**

1. The power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is the same power that resurrects each of us at the Rapture or resurrection of the Church.
2. Both the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union and the great power experiment of the Church Age terminate in resurrection. Our Lord’s resurrection at the end of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union was the first resurrection in history.
3. The Rapture of the Church is the first mass resurrection, when all Church Age believers receive their resurrection bodies.
4. Between the first two resurrections in history is the unique Church Age, the time when maximum divine power is available to every believer.

**1 Corinthians 6:14** Now God indeed raised the Lord, and He will raise us by His power. (NET)

- a. The omnipotence of God the Father restored our Lord’s human spirit in heaven to His body in the grave and thereby became an agent in the resurrection of the humanity of His body in the grave and thereby became an agent in the resurrection of the humanity of Jesus Christ:

**Acts 2:24** “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.” (NASB)

**Romans 6:4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 6:14** Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

**Colossians 2:21** If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as,

**v. 13** “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!”

**1 Peter 1:20** For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

**v. 21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (NASB)

- b. The omnipotence of the Holy Spirit restored our Lord’s human soul in Hades to His body in the grave and thereby became an agent in the resurrection of the humanity of Jesus Christ:

**Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. (NASB)

- c. Because the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union has been extended into the Church Age, the power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is now available to every Church Age believer.
5. After His physical death, our Lord’s human spirit went to the third heaven into the presence of God the Father. His human soul went to Hades. His body went into the grave. Three days and nights later, the omnipotence of God the Father restored His human spirit to His body, the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit restored His soul to His body, and He received His resurrection body.
6. The power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is not only the same power that will raise us from the dead, but in addition, it is the power made available to us today.



7. The omnipotence of God the Father is available to you through your very own portfolio of invisible assets. The omnipotence of Jesus Christ is available to you, for He daily preserves and perpetuates human history. The omnipotence of the Holy Spirit is available to you inside the divine dynasphere.
8. Because the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union has been extended into the Church Age, the power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is now available to you. But that requires post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.

### E. Scriptural Documentation.

**1 John 3:2** (Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever it is revealed, we will be like Him, because we will see him just as He is.

**v. 3** And everyone who has this hope focused on Him purifies himself [ in the divine dynasphere ] just as Jesus is pure [ ultimate sanctification in a resurrection body ]).”  
(NET)

**Titus 2:13** ... as we wait for the happy fulfillment of our hope [ the hope of blessings of eternal reward: hope 3 ] in the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior [ hypostatic union ], Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 6:14** Now God has not only raised the Lord, but He will raise us up through His power. (NASB)

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

- (1) The worst thing that can happen to you is to be ignorant of Bible doctrine.
- (2) The Thessalonian believers were very confused. They had learned about the imminency of the Rapture. Yet people were dying before the Rapture occurred, causing them to conclude that those who died would not be included in the Rapture. Their ignorance led to distortion.
- (3) Being asleep is an analogy to the body sleeping in the grave, waiting for the resurrection. The unbeliever has no hope, for after death there is nothing for him but the Lake of Fire.

**1 Thessalonians 4:14** If we believe that Jesus died and rose again [ and we do ], even so God [ omnipotence ] will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 4: 15** For this doctrine we communicate to you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord [ **Rapture** ], will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

**v. 16** For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.” (NASB)

- (1) In the angelic order of battle, two archangels or army commanders of angels are mentioned in the Bible: Michael and Gabriel.
- (2) Since Michael is called the “prince of Israel” in Daniel 10:21 and seems to be associated with Israel in Daniel 12:1 and Jude 9, this must be a reference to the voice of the other archangel, the voice command of Gabriel.
- (3) Gabriel seems to be associated with the Church. He makes the announcement of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union in Luke 1:19, 26.
- (4) There were two sources of command for military activity in the ancient world: the voice command and the trumpet command. The trumpet command assembles the dead in Christ at the Rapture.
- (5) The omnipotence of God the Father raises the dead in Christ by replacing their former bodies of corruption with resurrection bodies of incorruption (1 Corinthians 15:53–54).

**1 Thessalonians 4:17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them [ **dead believers** ] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord.”

- (6) The omnipotence of the Holy Spirit provides a resurrection body for the living believers at the Rapture, replacing their bodies of mortality with resurrection bodies of immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53–54).

**1 Thessalonians 4:18** Therefore, encourage one another with these words [ **doctrines** ]. (NASB)

- (7) These doctrines are a source of comfort when you have lost a loved one. These doctrines are a source of blessing as you face the adversities of life and realize that there’s something far beyond this life, and that God has given you an eternal state in a permanent body that will never experience pain or deterioration in any possible way.