

Sermon Outline: 7.2.23

Sermon Series: **Apocalypse**
Sermon Title: ***I Wish We'd All Been Ready***
Sermon Text: 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-12

(Revelation 4:1-2)

Five Proofs for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture:

There's no Church referenced in Revelation 6-18.
The Church is promised salvation from God's wrath.
Scripture promises the imminent return of Christ.
Scripture never says to prepare for the Great Tribulation.
Rapture is consistent with preparing for death in general.

Five Preparations for Rapture (or Death):

Repentance is required.
Assembly is exhorted.
Purity is pursued.
Sobriety is exercised.
Patience is imperative.

What if someone is not ready for Rapture?

What if YOU are not ready?

Will there be another chance to be saved?

Three Events Preceding the 2nd Coming of Christ

(2nd Thessalonians 2:1-3a)

Rejection of the Faith – Apostate Church

(1st Timothy 4:1-2)

(2nd Thessalonians 2:3b-4)

Revelation of the Man of Sin – Anti-Christ

(2nd Thessalonians 2:7a, 2:8-10a)

(2nd Thessalonians 2:5-7)

Removal of the Restrainer – Absent Christians

(2nd Thessalonians 2:10b)

(2nd Thessalonians 2:12b)

(Romans 1:18-22)

(Isaiah 55:11)

(Acts 28:24-27)

(2nd Thessalonians 2:11-12)

(The following song lyrics will be used in conclusion. You can put them up one verse/chorus at a time.)

*Life was filled with guns and war
And everyone got trampled on the floor
I wish we'd all been ready
Children died, the days grew cold
A piece of bread could buy a bag of gold
I wish we'd all been ready
There's no time to change your mind
The Son has come and you've been left behind*

*A man and wife asleep in bed
She hears a noise and turns her head
He's gone
I wish we'd all been ready
Two men walking up a hill
One disappears and one's left standing still
I wish we'd all been ready
There's no time to change your mind
The Son has come and you've been left behind*

*There's no time to change your mind
How could you have been so blind?
The Father spoke, the demons dined
The Son has come and you've been left behind*