



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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JESUS IS COMING

ARE YOU READY?

We must remember there is a difference between the Second Coming of Christ and the Rapture. The Rapture happens before the Tribulation, and the Second Coming happens at the end of the Tribulation. Christians are looking for the Rapture, and we will come back with Him at the Second Coming. Below is a list of verses that deal with the Lord's Rapture of His people versus His Second Coming.

RAPTURE

SECOND COMING

John 14:1-3	Daniel 2:44-45
Romans 8:19	Daniel 7:9-14
1 Corinthians 1:7-8	Daniel 12:1-3
1 Corinthians 15:1-53	Zechariah 14:1-15
1 Corinthians 16:22	Matthew 13:41
Phil 3:20-21	Matthew 24:15-31
Colossians 3:4	Matthew 26:64
1 Thessalonians 1:10	Mark 13:14-27
1 Thessalonians 2:19	Mark 14:62
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Luke 21:25-28
1 Thessalonians 5:9	Acts 1:9-11
1 Thessalonians 5:23	Acts 3:19-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1	1 Thessalonians 3:13
1 Timothy 6:14	2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
2 Timothy 4:1	2 Thessalonians 2:8
Titus 2:13	2 Peter 3:1-14
Hebrews 9:28	Jude 14-15
James 5:7-9	Revelation 1:7
1 Peter 1:7, 13	Revelation 19:11-20:6
1 John 2:28-3:2	Revelation 22:7, 12, 20
Jude 21	Revelation 2:25
Revelation 3:10	

One thing you cannot bury with a good man is his influence. They have not buried Daniel yet; his influence is as great today as it ever was. Do you tell me that Joseph is dead? His influence still lives and will continue to live on and on. You may bury the frail tenement of clay that a good man lives in, but you cannot get rid of his influence and example. Paul was never more powerful than he is today.

—D.L. Moody

In Days Gone By

On January 5, 1779,

Stephen Decatur, a naval hero, once said, "My country, right or wrong."

JUST KEEP ON

One step won't get you very far.
You've got to keep on walking.
One word won't tell people
who you are;
You've got to keep on talking.
One inch won't make you
very tall;
You've got to keep on growing.
One little call won't do it all;
You've got to keep on going.

LIVING IN FEAR

Approximately 20 percent of people in the United States have an intense, irrational fear of common things or experiences, such as spiders, heights, or confined spaces. Sometimes they fear something more unusual, such as pine trees or public bathrooms.

Acrophobia is the fear of heights. This fear is often very specific. A person may be able to ski the Alps with no problem but be overcome with panic on a fifth-floor balcony.

Astraphobia, also known as tonitrophobia, brevitrophobia, or hemantrophobia, is a paralyzing fear of thunder and lightning. As with other phobias, the reaction often causes a rapid heartbeat or labored breathing. People, and even pets, often seek shelter in confined spaces such as closets and basements.

Cacophobia is the fear of ugliness. Sufferers aren't just repulsed by unattractive people or things; they actually have intense panic attacks around them. When they see someone or something they consider ugly, they often turn away and flee.

Coulrophobia is the fear of clowns. It is a basic survival instinct to react with suspicion to a "person" with a painted smile and unsmiling eyes, but people with this phobia are terror-stricken when they see this circus staple.

Dendrophobia is the fear of trees. A child on a camping trip may be afraid there will be bears wandering among the pines. A fear of bears is not unusual, but the child may subsequently develop a paralyzing fear of pine trees. People with dendrophobia usually have strange stories about why they are terrified of a particular type of tree.

Frigitritrikskaidaphobia is the fear of Friday the 13th. This fear is more typical among people who are from England, Poland, Germany, Bulgaria, or Portugal—countries in which the number 13 is traditionally deemed unlucky.

Nyctophobia is an irrational fear of nighttime or the dark. Rationally, an adult (the fear is common among children) may understand that there is nothing to be afraid of, but he or she still experiences heightened anxiety when the lights go out.

Trypanophobia is an exaggerated fear of injection with a hypodermic needle. This phobia has a history in genetic memory. Thousands of years ago, the people who avoided being stabbed in general were the most likely to survive.

Trivia Bible Questions

1. What was it that David had not seen when he was old? Psalm 37:25
2. How did Judas die? Matthew 27:3-5
3. Why is it more hospitals bear the name of Saint Luke rather than Matthew, Mark or John? Colossians 4:14

For Moffer's Everywhere

My three year old was on my heels, no matter where I went.

Whenever I stopped to do something and turned back around, I would trip over him. I patiently suggested fun activities to keep him occupied. But he simply smiled and said, "Oh, that's all right mommy, I would rather be in here with you." Then he continued to bounce happily along behind me.



After stepping on his toes for the fifth time, I began to lose patience. When I asked him why he was acting this way, he looked up at me with sweet green eyes and said, "Well, mommy my teacher told me to walk in Jesus' footsteps but I can't see Him, so I'm walking in yours."



A BROKEN HOME IS THE WORST WRECK!

POPULAR NOTIONS: TRUE OR FALSE?

- It takes seven years to digest swallowed gum. **False:** Even though gum is indigestible, it still passes through your digestive system at a normal rate.
- Lemmings commit suicide if their population increases too much. **False:** This legend emerged after it was staged in the 1958 Disney animal documentary *White Wilderness*.
- The *Titanic* was the first ship to use SOS as a distress signal. **False:** Ships had been using SOS for at least three years before the *Titanic's* fateful voyage.
- Charlie Chaplin once entered and lost a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest. **True:** He even failed to make the finals.
- The American flag must be burned if it touches the ground. **False:** Out of respect, it shouldn't touch the ground, but it doesn't need to be burned if this happens.
- Boxing Day (celebrated in Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand) was designated as a day to get rid of empty gift boxes on December 26. **False:** Early on, wealthy people gave gifts to the lower classes the day after Christmas.
- Two of the "Marlboro Men" featured in cigarette ads died of lung cancer. **True:** Wayne McLaren, who became an anti-smoking activist after getting lung cancer, died in 1988 at the age of 51. David McLean, a Marlboro Man from the 1980s, died in 1995 at the age of 73.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is not good to live in the past, . . . but it is good to use the past. You can spend it well. You are entitled to it because you earned it. You can earn a hundred happy days simply by recalling them for you do possess those happy days fully. They are like dollars that are earned. . . . memories of good times past should build interest, interest to go forward, interest to have times just as good or even better.

Spend a little time today in reliving some of those happy days and hours. Think of some time when God was very near to you and helped you in a special way. Remember that time when the answer to prayer came just on time. That's the way the Lord always works. And remember if God did it then, he can do it again today and tomorrow and through all eternity. You will never be safer or happier than when you put everything in the Lord's hand.

DR. DAVID A. ROYER

Miscellaneous.

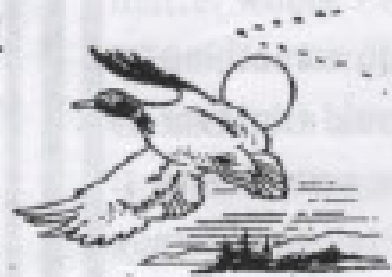
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THE SENSE THAT GOD GAVE A GOOSE

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone. LESSON: people who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.



When a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back in formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front. LESSON: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will keep in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. LESSON: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership--with people, as with geese...interdependent with one another.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. LESSON: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging; not something less than helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation or to catch up with their own flock. LESSON: If we have as much sense as the geese, we'll stand by one another like they do.

SPEAKERS AT GRACE BAPTIST DURING 2019

The following is a list of the preachers and laymen who preached or taught from the pulpit of Grace Baptist in 2019:

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