See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

“PTRC desires to impact pastors and individual Christians concerning the central role Bible prophecy, especially the any-moment possibility of the rapture, should play in the life of the church. The PTRC stresses... godly living in an unholy age.”

The doctrine that the rapture could happen at any moment. It is the next great prophetic event to occur in the world.
God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

2 Peter 3:3
knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

2 Timothy 3:1
But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
What is the difference between a “SIGN” and a “FULFILLMENT”? 

A sign is a world event that could be setting the stage for the fulfillment of prophecy.

A fulfilled prophecy is when a direct prediction in Scripture comes true!
If the stage is being set for **Christmas**...

If the stage is being set for events like the **Tribulation**, the unveiling of the **Antichrist**, and the **Second Coming**...

...Thanksgiving must be even closer!

...the **Rapture** must be even closer!

The next prophetic event is the **Rapture**, and it is a **signless event**!
The End Times

**RAPTURE**
(1 Thess. 4:13-18)

**The End Times**

- Abomination of Desolation (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15)
- Second Coming

**CHURCH**

Preparation - Fulfillment

- Ephesians 3

- 3 1/2 years of Protection
- 3 1/2 years of Persecution

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**MILLENNIUM**
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- 7-Year Tribulation (Matt. 24:4-28)
- Daniel’s 70th Week (Dan. 9:24-27)

Preparation - Unknown length

3 1/2 years of Persecution

Are we seeing any signs?

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Preparation - 75 days

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**Is End Times prophecy being fulfilled today?**

**No!**
(Unless the rapture happened and we all missed it!)

**Is the End Times stage being set with various signs of the times?**

ABSOLUTELY!

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Key Passages that Relate to Imminency

1 Corinthians 16:22
If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! [Maranatha!]

1 Corinthians 1:7
so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Philippians 3:20
For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

ἀπεκδέχομαι
apekdechomai
to expect anxiously; to look forward to something eagerly with hope, to be in a continual state of expectancy.
1 Thessalonians 1:10
and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 John 2:28
And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 Timothy 6:14
that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing,

Titus 2:13
looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 9:28
so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Philippians 4:5
Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
Therefore be patient, brethren, until the **coming of the Lord**....You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is **at hand**. ...Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

**James 5:7-9**

In light of the imminency of the rapture, **what should we be doing?**

**3 Questions Everyone Should Ask One Minute Before the Rapture**

1. Are you starting with the **right** foundation?

3 **Considerations before** the Rapture

For **no other foundation** can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.

**1 Corinthians 3:11**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

**John 14:6**
**John 3:3**

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**Luke 6:48**

He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

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**1 Corinthians 3:10**

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

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**1 Corinthians 3:12-13**

Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.

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**Romans 14:10**

But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

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**2 Corinthians 5:9-10**

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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**bēma**

judgment seat; step; tribunal; raised platform
1 John 2:28
And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15
If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2 Corinthians 13:5
Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it....I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

ἀδόκιμος
adokimos
disapproved; disqualified; failed the test

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Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work."

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Look to yourselves, that you do not lose those things we worked for, but that you may receive a full reward.

3 Considerations before the Rapture
1. Are you starting with the right foundation?
2. Are you remembering the Bema?
3. Are you sharing the Gospel with others?
Matthew 28:19
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 10:14
How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:17
So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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When do People Come to Faith?
- Age 0-4: 1%
- Age 15-30: 10%
- Age 4-14: 85%
- Age 30+: 4%
The Purposes of God in Human History

God’s Plan for the Church

God’s Plan for the Salvation of Individual Men

Creation of the World (Gen. 1)

Creation of the Nations (Gen. 10)

Creation of Israel (Gen. 11-12ff)

Creation of the Church (Acts 2)

Redemption

Rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

God’s Plan for the Universe

Restoration of Israel (Amos 9, Rom. 11)

Retribution against the Nations (Isa. 2, Matt. 25)

Redemption of Creation (Rom. 8:19-22, Rev. 21)

God’s Plan for Israel

God’s Plan for Angels

God’s Plan for Demons

Glory

Daniel 9:27

Then (after Messiah is cut off)

Daniel 9:25b

Until Christ’s Triumphal Entry: March 30, A.D. 33

Daniel 9:25a

From Artaxerxes’s Decree: March 5, 444 B.C. (Neh. 2:1-8)

Daniel 9:26

After 69th week Messiah cut off (April 3, A.D. 33); city and temple destroyed (A.D. 70)

Daniel 9:27

Then (after Messiah is cut off) the final week will begin. = Tribulation (Rev. 6-18; Matt. 24-25)

Daniel 9:24-27

69 X 7 = 483 YEARS

X 360 days per year = 173,880 days

Church Age (Gal. 3:24-25; Rom. 11:5, 25; Eph. 3:1-2)

7 YEARS

“69 Weeks” = 483 Years

“1 Week” = 3½ years of Protection

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Preparation - 75 days (Dan. 12:11-12)

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Eph. 3 Present Church Age

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Final Judgment

JESUS RAPTURE

Second Coming

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Time of Jacob’s Trouble (Jer. 30:7)

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