## **THE COMING BRIDEGROOM** John 14:2,3

The Blessed Hope is a wonderful truth. (Titus 2:13-14)

- I. The History of the Blessed Hope
  - In A.D. 29 Jesus made this promise (John 14:2,3)
  - In A.D. 52 Paul gave this comfort (I Thess. 4:13-18)
  - In A.D. 53 Paul wrote this warning (II Thess. 2:1-7)
  - In A.D. 57 Paul inspired with these words (I Cor. 15:51-53)
  - In A.D. 63 Paul encouraged with these words (Phil. 3:20-21)
  - In A.D. 64 Paul challenges to work in light of (Titus 2:13-14)
  - In A.D. 95 John sees the New Jerusalem and says (Rev. 3:7-13: 22:12)

Called: "Blessed Hope" or the "Catching Away" or the "Rapture" (Latin – raptuo).

- II. The Purpose of the Blessed Hope
  - A. To get us ready (saved, sanctified and separated)
  - B. A Hope Filled Promise provides joy (John 14:1-6; 15:9-11)
  - C. To promote purity (I John 3:1-3)
  - D. To establish Priority
    - 1. Holy Living
    - 2. Fruitful Living
    - 3. Abundant Living
      - Our Top priority is to Glorify God
        - By Trusting and obeying Him
        - By resisting evil
        - By winning Souls

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