

Title: "Calming Troubled Hearts: A Great Reunion" (part 8)
Text: **John 14:3**

1. Faith in God calms a troubled heart (**v. 1**)
2. Faith in Heaven calms a troubled heart (**v. 2**)
3. Faith in a reunion calms troubled hearts (**v. 3**)

Romans 8:31-34 "What shall we say then to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us." (**vv. 31-34**)

v. 35 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" No one!

John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

When will this reunion with Jesus take place?

5 views regarding the timing of the rapture:

- 1) Pretribulationsim
- 2) Midtribulationism
- 3) Pre-wrath Rapture
- 4) Posttribulationism
- 5) Partial Rapture

The biblical case for a Pretribulational Rapture

- 1) God has promised the Church deliverance from His wrath – **1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10**
- 2) The Tribulation is a 7-year period of God's wrath
- 3) The nature & purpose of the Tribulation excludes the Church from being part of it
- 4) The Church is not mentioned in **Revelation 4-18**
- 5) The Bible teaches that the Christ's return is imminent

Romans 13:11-12 "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

1 Thess. 5:6-8 "Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation."

1 Peter 4:7 "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers."

So are you ready?