

# The Rapture and the Boy Who Cried Wolf – Part 3

## Introduction

1. The evangelical community has cried wolf so many times in regards to the Rapture of the church that there has been a serious loss of integrity.
2. In this Bible Study, there are three biblical facts we will examine that would alleviate this foolishness and confusion if people would understand them.

**First fact: We are living in the time of the \_\_\_\_\_, not prophecy.**

- **There are \_\_\_\_\_ timetables** for when this mystery program called the dispensation of grace must end.

**Second fact: Signs of Christ's coming are for Israel, not the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.**

- The prophetic program gives definite world events and \_\_\_\_\_ tables, but the mystery program of today does not.

**Third fact: The Rapture is imminent and does not depend on \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. What do we mean by the word "imminent?"
  - Webster's defines "imminent" as "\_\_\_\_\_ to take place."
2. When we speak of the Rapture as being imminent, we are saying that there is \_\_\_\_\_ standing in the way of its occurrence. There are no signs that have to take place first. Philippians 3:20-21, 4:5
  - The word "look" carries the idea of expectation. If you are looking for it, then you are \_\_\_\_\_ it to happen.
  - This is the attitude that we are to have toward the Rapture.
  - *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."* **Titus 2:13**
3. On the other hand, Christ reveals specific signs that will occur before He returns to \_\_\_\_\_ to establish His kingdom on earth. Luke 21:25-28

- When they see these \_\_\_\_\_, they are to start looking up because **then** Christ's coming will be imminent.
  - The Tribulation saints aren't to start looking \_\_\_\_\_ until the time schedule says, "It's time." **Then** start looking up.
4. But Paul was waiting, looking, and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ to come at any moment. Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13; Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 1:10
  5. What does this mean? It means there is \_\_\_\_\_ standing in the way of Christ coming for us, and the blessed hope taking place. There are no events that have to happen before He comes.

*(Please scroll down to view timeline chart.)*

# SIGNS OF CHRIST'S RETURN TO EARTH

