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The Rapture

- 1 Woman attended a church 20 years and never heard a message on Christ's second coming
Books recently written on rapture say it's a new idea
- 2 Meaning of the word 'rapture'
Some Bible encyclopedias say nothing about it.
- 3 Those who are asleep. Not to be taken literally of physical sleep
- 4 Paul does not say we are not to sorrow
We do sorrow but not as others who have no hope
- 5 Is to be a reunion
Paul's authority - the Word of the Lord
- 6 The Bible-- God's revelation
Revelation not an old mideaval concept
- 7 We who are alive and remain
We shall not precede . . .
- 8 'Prevent' --language of 400 years ago
- 9 What will happen when Christ' returns for us
Many discuss what will happen before the rapture
- 10 Tribulation before the Lord comes back
The church in China and in Russia today. Also Angola
- 11 We know not when he will come but must be ready any time
- 12 Will have some surprises when He comes
Who are among the saved and the lost?
- 13 The outcome of our witnessing
Those who held differing ideas on some ceremony
- 14 What about the signs of His coming?
Lk.12:35 watching means serving effectively
- 15 Meant for all Christians at all times: Be Ready
- 16 Be about His business