

## INTERESTING POINTS ABOUT THE RAPTURE PICTURE...

We explain the Rapture Picture with two main Scriptures: 1<sup>st</sup> Thes. 4:16, 17 which says, *“For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*



AND... 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:51, 52,

*“Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye**, the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed.”*

1. People often ask, *“Aren’t the dead in Christ supposed to rise first?”* Smiling, we reply, *“They are shown rising first – they had six feet further to go.”*
2. Another common question is, *“Why aren’t people coming out of the buildings?”* Possible answers are, *“It may be on Sunday, or after work or they’re between the floor and the ceiling and aren’t out yet.”* The best answer we heard was in a Christian Bookstore when a customer asked the store manager that question. He replied, *“Perhaps there were no saved people in the buildings. What about you? Would you come out?”* The customer started crying, so they got down on their knees together in the store and the customer accepted Christ right there.
3. The **yellow truck** in the center is a 1969 Chevy Suburban which was driven by Leon and Pat Bates for almost 300,000 miles. Leon had his artist, Charles Anderson paint them coming out of it. Leon does **not** believe God will say to His believers, *“OK, it’s time to go, park your car on the side of the road.”* Simple logic says *“in the twinkling of an eye”* means **immediately**.
4. **NOTICE the airplane crashing into the skyscraper.** Leon had this painting made **in 1974, 27 years before the New York tragedy of 9/11/01.** When teaching or witnessing with the picture over the years, Leon says he’d heard a rumor that a major airline had established a policy to not schedule a Christian pilot and a Christian Co-pilot on the same flights. He tried to confirm the rumor, but could not. However, there is a Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel ([www.fcapi.org](http://www.fcapi.org)) so could it be true? Leon says that **IF SO**, it’s a wise policy. And if any listener (or reader of this) is not saved, they should trust Christ for their salvation **BEFORE** they fly.
5. More than **3,000,000 full color** Rapture prints (Sizes: 11" x 14" & 22" x 28") and Post Cards (4" x 6"), and picture in the **Tribulation Map** tracts have been produced since 1974.

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