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This booklet is to explain what the Rapture is, and to answer the question: Where did all the Christians go? I am writing this to tell you the answer to those questions. I will:

- Explain it briefly
- Give some scriptures that refer to it
- Give some web addresses, which explain it further, if you wish to learn more.

The Rapture is:

The Rapture is a special time spoken of in the Bible in several places. It refers to the Christians who belong to Jesus Christ being "raptured" or taken out of the earth and transported into Heaven by Jesus. This is to keep them from going through the Tribulation, which is to come upon the earth at that time. They will suddenly disappear from the earth and people will wonder what happened to them.

Some scriptures, which refer to this event:

- (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
- (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17) According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

(John 14:2-3) In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Some web sites which explain the Rapture in more detail:

www.raptureready.com/rr-survival-guide.html

When you enter this web site, scroll down to the section titled: "Information For Those Left Behind." I recommend reading two articles: "Second Chance for Salvation" and "Oops, I guess I Wasn't Ready."

www.gotquestions.org/rapture.html

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