

## **Section Two: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Present)**

### **Category B: Rapture – Kingdom Intelligence Report #5**

Topic: The Contemplation of the Event

The Dominionist has convinced himself that hope is nothing more than hype and waiting is a waste. But the New Testament teaches us the very opposite. First century Christians had no idea that they would not be alive at the coming of the Lord. His return was their hope and well worth the wait. After nearly 2,000 years, the Dominionists have apparently become tired of hoping and waiting. This in turn has caused them to ignore the teaching of the New Testament and deviate into a heretical perspective, a demonic doctrine, which they love to call Dominion Theology. So let me ask you this: “Does the Apostle John view hope as hype, in 1 John 3:2-3?

**“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this HOPE fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”**

Does this sound as if the Apostle Paul considered waiting to be a waste, in Philippians 3:20-21?

**“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly WAIT for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”**

Paul was very much aware of a “hope” that was no hope at all. That is why he did not live his life or fulfill his ministry on the basis of such a vain and empty “hope.” Nor did he seek to comfort the Thessalonians on the basis of such “hope,” revealed in 1 Corinthians 15:19,32b as well as in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 –

**“If we have HOPED in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. . . If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”**

**“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no HOPE.”**

We will close this report with a lengthy passage from Romans 8, where Paul reveals that the entire created order is hoping and waiting for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. So shouldn't we as God's people, be doing the same? The answer is provided in Romans 8:19-25 –

**“For the anxious longing of the creation WAITS eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in HOPE that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, WAITING eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in HOPE we have been saved, but HOPE that is seen is not HOPE; for who HOPES for what he already sees? But if we HOPE for what we do not see, with perseverance we WAIT eagerly for it.”**