

Key Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed —
 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet.**
 For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible,
 and we shall be changed.

The Last Trump...

✓ **When:** *No one will know the day or the time.*

Matthew 25:13 ERV

So **always be ready. You don't know the day or the time** when the Son of Man will come.

✓ **How:** *Like a thief in the night.*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 NLT

Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. 2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, **like a thief in the night.**

✓ **Why:** *The Lord wants people with hungry expectant hearts.*

Matthew 24:43-44 NKJV

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore **you also be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1 John 3:3 Message

All of us who look forward to His Coming stay ready,

with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

The Rescue Shout of the Lord!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 NKJV

16 For **the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the trumpet of God.** And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain **shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore **comfort one another with these words.**

✓ **Caught up-English...Rapture-Latin. Harpazo-Greek**

✓ **Harpazo: catch (away, up), pull, pluck, take, seize by force.**

✓ **The Lord takes us out of the judgment to come.**

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You Asked For It!

The Last Trump

Matthew 24:42, 44 NLT

42 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

44 **You also must be ready all the time**, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

"Stay Ready" To Do List...

1. **Honor** and submit to one another. (1 Thessalonians 5:12)
2. **Encourage** Others. Lazy, timid, care, patient (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
3. **Forgive** - Don't pay evil for evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
4. Always be **joyful**. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)
5. Never stop **praying**. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
6. Give **thanks**. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
7. Do not **put - out** the Spirit's fire. (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
8. Do not **scoff** at prophecies. (1 Thessalonians 5:20)
9. **Test** everything. (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
10. Stay **away** from every kind of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
11. Always **respond** to His call! (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NLT

23 Now **may the God of peace make you holy in every way,** and **may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.** 24 God will make this happen, for **He who calls you is faithful.**

Luke 5:31 NLT

I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but **those who know they are sinners and need to repent.**

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