

FAQ 15

Different End-Time Positions Call For Different Life Applications

Q #15 How does one *live* in light of these differing positions?

While there are many ways whereby one could go about bringing answer, we've decided to address only one small aspect of this question. Once again, the Word of God has crucial things to say about this, so we strongly encourage your reading of the biblical material addressing this important matter.

Position	One Specific Teaching
Pre-Tribulational Rapture	The Church will not be present during the time of the Tribulation period
Pre-Wrath Rapture	The Church will be present through the time of the Sixth Seal - Revelation 6
Final Trumpet Rapture/Gathering	The Church will be present until the time of the last (7th) Trumpet - Revelation 11; 14
Post-Tribulational Rapture	The Church will be present until our Lord's return - typically, Revelation 19

Position	As A Result
Pre-Tribulational Rapture	There is no need God's people in Jesus Christ prepare for this period because we will not be on earth during this time.
Pre-Wrath Rapture	God's people do need to prepare for—in order to endure through—the first part of the era of the antichrist, but are not present during the Trumpet Blasts (having been Raptured before the Seven Trumpets).*
Final Trumpet Rapture/Gathering	God's people do need to prepare for—in order to endure through—a portion of the era of the antichrist, but will not be present when the Bowls of God's Wrath are poured out upon the earth.*
Post-Tribulational Rapture	God's people do need to prepare for—in order to endure through—the era of the

<p>Post-Tribulational Rapture (continued)</p>	<p>antichrist and will be protected through the difficult days spoken of in Revelation but will enjoy God's deliverance upon the Return of Christ.*</p>
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* The last 3 positions above agree the Church will go through the Tribulation Period. Those in Jesus Christ who are not martyred during this time (many Christians will be) must not fall away nor accept the worldly system imposed by the antichrist.

As one contemplates the above scenarios, an important question emerges: How then shall we now live? It's worth giving some time to this concern especially given the lack of certainty concerning the exact timing of the Rapture of God's people in Christ Jesus. While we do know the general time, we do not know the day nor the hour of His return.