

RAPTURE TERMS OF MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, the undersigned Testator, being of sound mind and memory and being eighteen (18) years of age or older, do hereby make, publish and declare this document to be and constitute the Rapture Terms of My Last Will and Testament (hereinafter "Rapture Terms"). All prior wills and codicils of mine are hereby revoked only to the extent that they are inconsistent with these Rapture Terms.

RECITALS

1. Regardless of what anyone else believes to be true or right, I believe that Jesus Christ is God,¹ and that, though innocent, Jesus suffered and was put to death through crucifixion at the hands of men—taking on himself the penalty of the sins of mankind,² that He was buried,³ that He rose from the dead,⁴ that He is at the right hand of the Father, and that He will, in the Father's time, return in glory to reign over the earth.⁵

¹ **John 1:1-5, 14** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. Life was in Him and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it. . . The Word became and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

² **Isaiah 53:5-6** - But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds. We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the LORD has punished Him for the iniquity of us all.

Matthew 27:35-37 - After crucifying Him they divided His clothes by casting lots. Then they sat down and were guarding Him there. Above His head they put up the charge against Him in writing: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³ **Matthew 27:57-60** - When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Then Pilate ordered that it be released. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, and placed it in his new tomb, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb.

⁴ **Matthew 28:1-9** - After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached [the tomb]. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his robe was as white as snow. The guards were so shaken from fear of him that they became like dead men. But the angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead. In fact, He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see Him there.' Listen, I have told you." So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news. Just then Jesus met them and said, "Good morning!" They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him.

Romans 10:9 - If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

⁵ **Revelation 19:11-16** – Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knows except Himself. He wore a robe stained with blood, and His name is called the Word of God. The armies that were in heaven followed Him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. From His mouth came a sharp sword, so that with it He might strike the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2. I further believe that, by virtue of my faith and belief in Jesus and what He has done, I have gained God's complete forgiveness of all my sins⁶ as well as eternal life with God.⁷

3. I further believe that before Jesus Christ returns to Earth as Messiah to set up his kingdom, He will come and gather those who believe in him to himself in heaven.⁸ This "gathering of believers" has been traditionally recognized by many Christians, including me, as the "Rapture."

4. I further believe that if the Rapture occurs prior to my demise, then, because I believe in Jesus Christ and what He has done for me, I will be joined with Jesus Christ in the Rapture.

5. I further believe that because most people do not believe in Jesus Christ, much less the Rapture, the Rapture will take the world by surprise, creating a substantial degree of confusion and turmoil as the world endeavors to understand and explain why so many people—perhaps as many as one hundred million or even more—have suddenly disappeared.⁹

6. I further believe that the period of time following the Rapture, and perhaps even for a period of time before the Rapture, will be a period of tribulation that will culminate in the return of Christ to reign over the world from Israel (Zion) as the Messiah and King of Kings.¹⁰ Despite the fact that many will claim to be the Messiah,¹¹ the actual return of Jesus Christ to Earth as the Messiah will be unmistakable and glorious as described in Matthew 24, wherein the Bible indicates that the whole world "will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."¹²

⁶ **John 3:16-18** – God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world that He might judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Anyone who believes in Him is not judged, but anyone who does not believe is already judged, because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.

⁷ **John 3:16-18** and **Roman 10:9**.

⁸ **I Thessalonians 4:16-17** - . . . [T]he Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are still alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will always be with the Lord.

⁹ **Matthew 24:39b-42** – So this is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be: Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one left. Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

I Corinthians 15: 51-52 – Listen! I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, 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 will be changed.

¹⁰ **Revelation 19:11-16**.

¹¹ **Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-25** – Then Jesus replied to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many. . . . Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. . . . If anyone tells you then, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'Over here!' do not believe it! False messiahs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note: I have told you in advance."

¹² **Matthew 24:30** – Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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NOTARIZATION

I, the undersigned, an authorized notary public for the State of _____, do hereby certify that the above named Testator and Witnesses, determined by me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged having signed as Testator and Witnesses, accordingly, and I witnessed the named Testator's and Witnesses' execution, respectively, and declaration of said instrument, consisting of five (5) pages, this page included, as said Testator's and Witnesses' free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth. This certification is given under my hand and Notarial Seal this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your initials in the place indicated on the bottom right-hand corner of each page of this document.

2. On page 3, if you desire to leave a specific gift to a specific loved one or loved ones (who you believe might remain after the Rapture), insert in the first blank the specific gift, bequest or devise (such as "one-half of the value of my estate," "twenty-five percent of my estate," "my house," "all of my personal belongings," or "the sum of \$25,000"--or such other similar terms that you desire). Insert in the second blank the name of the loved one(s) (such as "my son, John Smith," "my brother, Frank Smith," "my spouse, Frances Smith," or "any grandchild of mine," etc.). If you do not wish to leave such a specific gift, simply insert the words "not applicable" in the blanks.

3. Gather 3 witnesses who are over 18 years old in the presence of a Notary Public. In the presence of the 3 witnesses and the Notary Public, explain to them what you are signing, saying "I am executing this document, which constitutes the Rapture Terms to My Last Will and Testament." Sign pages 3 and 4 in the two places indicated for your signature. Insert your address. The Notary Public can fill in the state, county and dates. Then, the witnesses should sign in the places indicated for their respective signatures on page 4. Each witness should also insert his or her current, residential address in the blank provided to the right of such witness' name. The Notary Public can then notarize the document.

4. Make several copies of the fully executed document. You can file one with your local county court clerk (or other local official designated by your state law to receive wills). You can also give a copy to any executor that you have named in any other will. You can place a copy with your important records, and be sure to send a copy to Rapture Fund. By having a copy of your Rapture Terms, the directors of Rapture Fund can plan to take appropriate action following the Rapture, including gathering your estate and presenting the Gospel to your designated "left behind" loved ones.