

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

# I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away. To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away. Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

## 3 Truths to Give Christians Hope for Eternity & Urgency for Today

#### 1) The RETURN: Christ is coming \_\_\_\_\_

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that 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..." (John 14:1-3)

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:8)

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. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

#### 2) The RAPTURE: Living Christians are taken \_\_\_\_

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.... (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

#### 3) The REUNION: Christians will be with \_\_\_\_\_\_ forever.

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. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever... So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58 NLT)

### Because time is short, I won't leave:

- Words <u>unsaid</u>.
- Deeds undone.
- Hope <u>unshared</u>.