

# 1 Thessalonians Ch 4:13-18 “Grief, Glory and the Rapture”

## The Rapture... Our Blessed Hope

- Harpazo: To Catch Away or Forcibly Remove
- Comfort, Holy Living and Evangelism

## 4 Main Passages in NT

- Jn 14:1-3, 1Cor 15:50-58, Rev 3:10, 1Thess 4:13-18
- 2 Parts: Hope & Comfort, The Event & Mechanics

## 1 Thessalonians Ch 4:13-14

### Trouble in Thessalonica

- Persecution, False Letters, Death of Some Believers

### Comforting & Informing about Death

- The Norm, Unavoidable Heb 9:27, 2Cor 5:21
- The Body is both a Container and an Apparatus

### Falling Asleep?

- Physical Body Sleeps, Soul is with the Lord
- 2Cor 5:8, Rev 6:9, 1 Kings 17:22
- Death is Separation: Soul from the Body

### When an Unbeliever Dies

- Born Twice, Die Once...Born once, Die Twice
- Rev 20:11-15 **Avoidable!**

### Mourning is Normal, Essential but Different

- Normal: Death is Unnatural
- Essential: Ecc 3:2-8, “Ministry of Presence”
- Different, Temporary and a Bit Selfish but not Hopeless

## 1 Thessalonians Ch 4:15-17

### The Program of the Rapture

- Believers: Bodies Raised, Rejoined & Glorified
- Living Believers: Caught up- Instantly Glorified

### 1<sup>st</sup> Time the Whole Church is Together

- The Lord **Himself** Will Descend Jn 14:3
- A New Body 1 Cor 15:50-52, Phil 3:21

### The New Body

- Like Jesus Resurrection Body, Like Adam
- A New and Restored Mind “Rain Man”

### **The Best Parts of Heaven**

- See Jesus, Eph 2:7, Rev 5
- V17 The Great Reunion

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### **The Rapture.... both Exciting and Sobering**

### **Imparting Some Heavenly Logic**

“The Day of your Birth and Day of your Death”