

1 Thessalonians Ch 4:13-18 “The Rapture of the Church”

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The Rapture Imminent & Next Event on the Calendar

When a Christian Dies....

- Physical Body Sleeps, Soul Goes to the Lord

The Rapture

- “Dual Resurrection” of Departed & Living Believers
- Bodies Rise, Souls Rejoin, Meet in Air & Glorified

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The Word of the Lord Not Paul’s Opinion

Types of the Rapture

- Enoch Gen 5:24 “God took Him”
- Elijah 1Kings 2:1 Taken up Whirlwind
- Phillip Acts 8:39 “Caught up” to New Location
- Jesus Mk 16:39 “Received Up into Heaven”

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The Lord Himself Coming to Get Us

Different than the 2nd Coming

- Not Touch Down on Earth, Meet Him in Air
- Coming FOR the Church, WITH the Church

3 Sounds at the Rapture

A Shout (of Jesus?) Mt 27:50, John 11:43

- V16 Voice of Authority.....Come Forth

Voice of the/an Archangel Michael Dan 10:21, 12:1

- Transition from the Church to Israel

Trumpet of God Instruct, Gather, End of the Harvest

The Rapture of the Church Only

What About the OT Believers?

- Isa 26, Dan 12:2 End of the Tribulation, Millennium

Problems with a Physical Resurrection

- Buried, Cremation, Organ Transplants

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What Happens on the Day of the Rapture?

- Caught up: Harpazo Jn 6:15, Acts 23:10, Rev 3:10
- Not 1 Single Christian Left on Earth- All are Gone!

What About Children?

- Deut 1:39, Jonah 4:11 God Makes a Distinction
- Explanation? Mass Abduction, Evolution, Judgment
- The Greatest Revival in the History of the World

Will Rapture Happen Before the Tribulation Starts?

- Debate? Pre-trib, Mid-trib, Post-trib, Pre-wrath
- Rapture is Not Optional “Pan-Rapture Position”

2 Kinds of Tribulation 2 Sources

- Fallen Sinful World, Inspired By Satan
- God’s Wrath, Specific Period, on Christ Rejecters

Why I Believe in the Pre-Trib Position

- Jesus Took Our Wrath Heb 10:10, 1 Jn2:1, 1 Th 5:19
- The Church is Absent in Record of Tribulation Events
- The Tribulation is not a Comfort
- Every Generation of the Church has Escaped It

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What do I do with this Information?

- Keep Your Head Clear
- Keep Your Heart Warm
- Keep Your Hands Busy