

RAPTURED!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Do you have questions with regard to the rapture?

1. What is the rapture?

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- A. The rapture is the secret coming of the Lord in the air.
- B. The rapture is the catching away of the bride of Christ.
- C. The rapture is the blessed hope and comfort of all believers.
... looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus. Titus 2:13

2. When is the rapture?

- A. The rapture occurs before the wrath of God comes.
For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:9
- B. The rapture occurs before the revealing of the antichrist.

3. What happens at the rapture?

- A. The dead in Christ are raised.
DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING?
1 Corinthians 15:54-55

B. Christians are given a glorified body.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20-21

C. Christians will be with the Lord forever.

In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:2-3

4. What if you miss the rapture?

A. If you miss the rapture, you will experience the Tribulation.

"And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short." Matthew 24:22

B. If you miss the rapture, you may miss heaven forever.

And then that lawless one will be revealed ... that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

Are you ready for the rapture?