

**“THE GREAT (RAPTURE) RESCUE”**  
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) pt 2

- What is the rapture?

a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of believers \_\_\_\_\_ when  
He \_\_\_\_\_ at the close of the present age.

- What are the *purposes* of the rapture?

- 1) To bring an \_\_\_\_\_ to the church age
- 2) To provide \_\_\_\_\_ for the Bride of Christ – His Church
- 3) To \_\_\_\_\_ the Church from the \_\_\_\_\_ & open the door  
for \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev.3:10)

**D. Exhortations concerning THE RAPTURE of the Church. (4:13-18)**

**1. Paul’s INTRODUCTION concerning these INSTRUCTIONS. (4:13)**

- a. The **recipients** of these instructions are \_\_\_\_\_.... “*brethren*”
- b. The **initial intent** in these instructions is to eliminate their \_\_\_\_\_ and put  
them in the \_\_\_\_\_ through biblical \_\_\_\_\_... “*I do not want you to  
be ignorant (vs 13)*”
- c. The **issue** in these instructions concerns “those who have \_\_\_\_\_” and  
Jesus Christ’s “\_\_\_\_\_”.
- d. The **primary purpose** of these instructions was to keep believer’s eyes on the \_\_\_\_\_  
that the \_\_\_\_\_ promises, ... “*lest you sorrow as others who have \_\_\_\_\_.*”

- For the Christian... what does “*Hope*” mean?

- Secondly, this rapture hope is \_\_\_\_\_! (meaning) - possible at any \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. The CONTENT of these INSTRUCTIONS (4:14-17)**

- a. Involves \_\_\_\_\_ regarding our hope (4:14-15a)
  - 1) The sole condition for the Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ is explained by the  
words... “*if we \_\_\_\_\_.*”
  - 2) The *basis* for the Christian’s hope are \_\_\_\_\_ things in this passage: Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_,  
Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_, and Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_!

- Christ's death:

- Christ's resurrection:

- Christ's word: "*for this we say to you by the \_\_\_\_\_*".

- What should this mean to you?
- How does this relate to the believer in time?
- How does this relate to the believer's future hope?
- What does this teach?
- *When* will this occur?
- Who will *cause* this event to occur?
- What is the *guarantee* of this happening?