

## “THE GREAT (RAPTURE) RESCUE”

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) pt 4

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

- This is all part of *eschatology* – the study of \_\_\_\_\_ (bible \_\_\_\_\_) - specifically the **rapture**, which is ... a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of believers \_\_\_\_\_ when He \_\_\_\_\_ at the close of the present age.

#### 1. The CONTENT of these INSTRUCTIONS (4:13-17)

a. Involves \_\_\_\_\_ regarding our future \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13-15a)

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the rapture \_\_\_\_\_ (4:15b-17)

1) The *term used* for Christ’s return in this passage is the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_ (par-oo-see'-ah} meaning... “*the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord*” (v. 15)

\*Technically the term “coming” is used of \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s 2<sup>nd</sup> coming: **the \_\_\_\_\_** & the \_\_\_\_\_ – although these two events are separated by \_\_\_\_\_ of time!

2) A fact we need to note from verse 15 is that we who are physically alive at the time of the rapture, “*shall not \_\_\_\_\_ those who have fallen asleep.*”

\* Did Paul think he would be included in the rapture generation?

\* Does the bible teach that the return of Christ is imminent?

3) The **focus** of the *parousia* is the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Himself ... “*the Lord Himself will descend from heaven...*”

4) What three things will accompany His Coming? \_\_\_\_\_ And what does this mean?

- a. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. There will be the \_\_\_\_\_ **of an** \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. There will be the \_\_\_\_\_ **of God.**

5) The resurrection of the Church age believers at the *parousia* clearly states that the “\_\_\_\_\_ *in Christ will rise*\_\_\_\_\_.”

- Does this phrase “*the dead in Christ will rise first*” include all saints of all time?

- When are other saints resurrected?

6) The translation of living church age believers at the *parousia* guarantees that “we which are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ together with those who had died...”

- What does the Greek word for “caught up” (*harpazo*) mean?
- Is this Greek word used in other passages of scripture. And if so, how is this word “*harpazo*” used there?

Pause here - to talk about water baptism & its place in the life of the believer. (Acts 8:29-39)

7) This rapture event will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of all Church age believers (dead and alive) as clarified by the words... “\_\_\_\_\_ *them...*”

## 2. The APPLICATION of these INSTRUCTIONS (4:18)

- The **recipients** of these instructions are \_\_\_\_\_ of this dispensation.
- The **command** of these instructions is to “\_\_\_\_\_”
- The **means** of fulfilling this instruction is... “\_\_\_\_\_.”