

The Church and The Blessed Hope
“The Rapture”
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction - II Peter 3:4, “Where is the promise of His coming?”

I. The Problem of the Rapture, vs. 13

1. Ignorant
2. Asleep
3. Sorrow
4. Hope

II. The Pillars of the Rapture, vv. 14-15

1. The Death of Christ, vs. 14
2. The Resurrection of Christ, vs. 14
3. The Revelation of Christ, vs. 15a

III. The Participants of the Rapture, vs. 15b

1. Alive in Christ
2. Dead in Christ

IV. The Plan of the Rapture, vs. 16-17

1. “For the Lord Himself,” vs. 16
2. “Shall descend from Heaven,” vs. 16
3. “With a shout,” vs. 16
4. “The voice of the archangel,” vs. 16
5. “The Trump of God,” vs. 16
6. The dead in Christ will rise first,” vs. 16
7. “Living in Christ.” “Caught up”.
8. “Together with them,” vs. 17

9. "To meet the Lord in the air," vs. 17

10. "So shall we ever be with the Lord," vs. 17

Order of Events

1. Rapture, the bema and marriage supper.
2. Anti-Christ
3. Covenant with Israel, 7 years!
4. Three and a half years, peace!
5. Abomination of desolation.
6. Mark of the Beast.
7. God's wrath and Armageddon.
8. Second coming! Anti-Christ destroyed. Satan bound. Great white throne. Kingdom on earth for 1000 years. New Heaven and Earth.

IV. The Profit of the Rapture, vs.18

1. Comfort
2. Purity
3. Service
4. Imminent

Are you ready?