

With The Master In View of His Return
Lesson 14 - Don't Be Ignorant Regarding the Rapture! - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. (a) Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and summarize these verses in a few sentences. (b) Why would Paul be writing about this event at this time in his letter?

2. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

3. (a) What does Paul say will happen at the rapture to those who die in the Lord, in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18? (b) What will happen to those who are still alive when the Lord returns? (c) What is the main point of Paul's words regarding the rapture?

4. (a) Paul speaks of this same event (the rapture) in 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. What facts does he add here that are not in 1 Thessalonians? (b) How does this encourage you? (c) What is Jesus doing right now before He comes to get us, according to John 14:1-4? (d) How does this encourage you?

5. (a) Paul tells the church at Thessalonica that they are to comfort each other with the facts of the Lord's coming, especially regarding those who have already died. How can you personally comfort others with the fact of our Lord's return, especially those who have lost loved ones? (b) Is His coming a personal comfort to you? If so, how? If not, why not?

6. (a) What are we to be doing while we wait for the rapture according to Matthew 24:36-51 and Luke 12:35-48? (b) Are you ready for the rapture? (c) Would you be ashamed if the Lord returned today? Look up my dear sister, your redemption draweth nigh!

7. (a) Is there someone you know who is not going up with us to meet the Lord in the air? (b) Have you shared with them the urgency of their need of a Savior? Please put your concern in the form of a prayer request to share.

I would highly encourage you to look up the following passages to see the difference between the rapture and the second coming of Jesus Christ. This will be very helpful. I would also recommend looking at <http://www.pre-trib.org/article-view.php?id=6> which is a very simple but helpful article which explains the difference.

Passages that deal with the Rapture:

John 14:1-3
Romans 8:19
1 Corinthians 1:7, 8
1 Corinthians 15:51-53
1 Corinthians 16:22
Philippians 3:20-21
Philippians 4:5
Colossians 3:4
1 Thessalonians 1:10
1 Thessalonians 2:19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
1 Thessalonians 5:9
1 Thessalonians 5:23
2 Thessalonians 2:1
2 Thessalonians 2:3 (?)
1 Timothy 6:14
2 Timothy 4:1
2 Timothy 4:8
Titus 2:13
Hebrews 9:28
James 5:7-9
1 Peter 1:7, 13
1 Peter 5:4
1 John 2:28-3:2
Jude 21
Revelation 2:25
Revelation 3:10

Passages that deal with the Second Coming:

Daniel 2:44-45
Daniel 7:9-14
Daniel 12:1-3
Zechariah 12:10
Zechariah 14:1-15
Matthew 13:41
Matthew 24:15-31
Matthew 26:64
Mark 13:14-27
Mark 14:62
Luke 21:25-28
Acts 1:9-11
Acts 3:19-21
1 Thessalonians 3:13
2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
2 Thessalonians 2:8
1 Peter 4:12-13
2 Peter 3:1-13
Jude 14-15
Revelation 1:7
Revelation 19:11-20:6
Revelation 22:7, 12, 2