

## I Thessalonians - Lesson 10 - Death, New Life, and the Rapture

<p style="text-align: center;">What Happens When a Christian Dies?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Adam Brought Death - Christ Brings Life I Cor 15:12-28, 35-58</p>
<p>II Cor 5:1-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- earthly body is a tent</li> <li>- We have an eternal building not made by hands but made by God waiting for us in the heavens</li> <li>- We should be longing for the home made by God</li> <li>- In this tent we groan - we are burdened</li> <li>- The mortal will be swallowed up by life</li> <li>- To be in this body is to be absent from the Lord</li> <li>- To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord</li> </ul> <p>Phil 1:21-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to live - you live for Christ</li> <li>- To die - you live with Christ</li> <li>- We are to be fruitful</li> <li>- Departing is better because we can be with Christ</li> <li>- To remain in the flesh is necessary to accomplish the work He has given us to do</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christ was raised from the dead (20)</li> <li>- In Adam all men die - in Christ all will be made alive (22)</li> <li>- Christ is 1st fruits - those who are His will be 2nd and then the end will come (23-24)</li> <li>- The end comes - enemies will be subjected to Christ and He will give the kingdom to His Father (25-28)</li> <li>- What kind of body do we get? How are the dead raised?</li> <li>- Life comes out of the death of the seed being buried (36-37)</li> <li>- We will be given a heavenly body as He wishes (38-41)</li> </ul> <p>Sown one way - raised another</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perishable - imperishable (42)</li> <li>- Dishonor - glory (43)</li> <li>- Weakness - power (43)</li> <li>- Natural -spiritual (44)</li> <li>- image of earthy - image of the heavenly (49)</li> <li>- Flesh and blood can't inherit the kingdom of God (50)</li> <li>- Death is swallowed in victory (54)</li> </ul> <p>BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ABOUNDING in the work of the Lord (58)</p> <p>Rom 4:21</p>

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Coming of the Lord	The Rapture
<p>I Thes 1:9-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- those who have turned to serve the living God are waiting for His Son to come and rescue us from the wrath to come</li> </ul> <p>I Thes 2:19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the fact that they would be with Christ at His coming - they remained faithful to the end</li> </ul> <p>I Thes 3:13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- their hearts be established (Act 14:21-22; 16:5; Ro 1:11-12; I Pet 5:10; II Pet 1:12)</li> <li>- Blameless = free from all valid charges against you which means that we have dealt with our sin in our lives and stand in holiness before God (II Cor 7:1)</li> </ul>	<p>Rapture? = harpazo - #G726 - to seize, to snatch away, claim for one's self eagerly, caught up                      Latin word for caught up = rapturo                      Acts 8:39 - Philip being caught up from Gaza and brought to Caesarea                      II Cor 12:2-4 - Paul was caught up to the 3rd heaven                      Rev 12:5 - child (Jesus) was caught up to God on His throne                      I Thes 4:17 - those who believe are caught up with Christ in the clouds</p> <p>I Thes 4:13-18; I Thes 5:2-11; I Cor 15:51-52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't be uninformed (4:13)</li> <li>- Don't grieve like those who have no hope (4:13)</li> <li>- This is good news for those who believe in Jesus (4:14)</li> <li>- Not of the darkness - we are sons of light/day - be alert and sober and prepared (5:4, 6, 8)</li> <li>- Comfort each other (4:18)</li> <li>- Encourage one another and build one another up (5:11)</li> </ul> <p>God has not destined us to wrath by obtaining salvation through Christ (5:9; I Thes 1:10; Rev 3:10)</p>