

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"> - earthly body is a tent - We have an eternal building not made by hands but made by God waiting for us in the heavens - We should be longing for the home made by God - In this tent we groan - we are burdened - The mortal will be swallowed up by life - To be in this body is to be absent from the Lord - To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord <p>Phil 1:21-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to live - you live for Christ - To die - you live with Christ - We are to be fruitful - Departing is better because we can be with Christ - To remain in the flesh is necessary to accomplish the work He has given us to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christ was raised from the dead (20) - In Adam all men die - in Christ all will be made alive (22) - Christ is 1st fruits - those who are His will be 2nd and then the end will come (23-24) - The end comes - enemies will be subjected to Christ and He will give the kingdom to His Father (25-28) - What kind of body do we get? How are the dead raised? - Life comes out of the death of the seed being buried (36-37) - We will be given a heavenly body as He wishes (38-41) <p>Sown one way - raised another</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perishable - imperishable (42) - Dishonor - glory (43) - Weakness - power (43) - Natural -spiritual (44) - image of earthy - image of the heavenly (49) - Flesh and blood can't inherit the kingdom of God (50) - Death is swallowed in victory (54) <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"> - those who have turned to serve the living God are waiting for His Son to come and rescue us from the wrath to come <p>I Thes 2:19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the fact that they would be with Christ at His coming - they remained faithful to the end <p>I Thes 3:13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - their hearts be established (Act 14:21-22; 16:5; Ro 1:11-12; I Pet 5:10; II Pet 1:12) - 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) 	<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"> - don't be uninformed (4:13) - Don't grieve like those who have no hope (4:13) - This is good news for those who believe in Jesus (4:14) - Not of the darkness - we are sons of light/day - be alert and sober and prepared (5:4, 6, 8) - Comfort each other (4:18) - Encourage one another and build one another up (5:11) <p>God has not destined us to wrath by obtaining salvation through Christ (5:9; I Thes 1:10; Rev 3:10)</p> <p>Jesus will descend from heaven with those who have fallen asleep (souls) in Him and come to the clouds (4:14, 16) We will not all die - we will all be changed (I Cor 15:51-52) Shout, voice archangel, trumpet of God (last trumpet) (4:16; I Cor 15:51-52) In a moment - a twinkling of an eye (I Cor 15:52) Dead will be raised first - imperishable Those that are alive are going to be caught up as well (4:17) We are all going to be changed (I Cor 15:51) Meet the Lord in the air (4:17) We will always be with the Lord (4:17)</p>