

6 - THE RAPTURE (1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18)

I. Believers Who Have Died (4:13)

A. The issue (4:13a)

- Paul did not want them to be ignorant about those who have _____.
- They were concerned that dead believers would not _____.

B. Paul's intent (4:13b)

- He will instruct them so that they don't grieve like those who _____.

II. The Promise (4:14)

A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ (4:14a)

- Paul stated that Christians believe the gospel in that _____.

B. The resurrection of the dead (4:14b)

- He also stated that those who have died as believers will _____.

III. The Rapture Described (4:15-17)

A. The source of his teaching (4:15a)

- Paul tells his readers that Jesus is the source of his teaching concerning _____.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:23

B. The promise for believers (4:15b)

- Believers, who are alive at the coming of Jesus, will not precede _____.

C. The events of the rapture (4:16-17)

1. The Lord descends (4:16a)

- At the shout of an angel and sound of a trumpet, Jesus himself will _____.

2. The dead in Christ (4:16b)

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- As Jesus descends, those who have died as believers in Christ will _____.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:52

3. The believers caught up (4:17a)

- The believers who are alive will be _____ with those who had been dead.
- We will _____.

4. Duration (4:17b)

- Paul tells his readers that from that moment on, believers will _____.

IV. The Encouragement (4:18)

- Paul tells them that they are to _____.