

## **The Resurrection and the Rapture - Part 2**

### **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

Review – What we've learned about the rapture and our resurrection so far (1 Thessalonians 4:13-15).

- I. The resurrection – When Jesus returns, believers in Christ who have died will be resurrected (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
  - Jesus will physically descend from heaven with a lot of heavenly noise (*a shout, the voice of the archangel, the trumpet call of God*).
  - Believers who have died in this church age will be resurrected because of their faith in Jesus Christ who arose (v. 14; Corinthians 15:20-23)
  
- II. The rapture – When Jesus returns, believers living then will be physically “caught up” to meet Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17a).
  - “Caught up” – We leave earth joining resurrected believers to meet Jesus in the air.
  - We instantaneously get a new body (1 Corinthians 15:50-52) like Jesus' new body (Romans 8:23; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2).
  
- III. So what (1 Thessalonians 4:17b-18)?
  - We can be confident that we as believers will all be with Christ forever (4:17b).
  - We can be encouraged today if we remind each other of this great event (4:18).