



I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction: Can you imagine for a moment, millions of people all over the world suddenly disappearing from the earth? Jets plummeting to the ground because they no longer have a pilot at the controls... driverless buses, trains, and cars causing unimaginable disaster. Classrooms suddenly without teachers...

Doctors and nurses abandoning their patients in the middle of surgical operations and patients vanishing from operating tables. Children disappear from their beds. People running through the streets looking for missing family members who were there just moments ago. Panic grips every household, city and country. Fiction you say. Couldn't happen. Stuff made for the movies. Well think again. I'm here to tell you what many think is fiction the Bible says is a reality. According to the Bible a time is coming in which all who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ will be suddenly caught up from the earth and taken into heaven by Him. It's called the rapture of the church and this morning the Apostle Paul is going to explain in detail this glorious cosmic event when Jesus returns for us in the air.

OUTLINE

- I. The Rapture is a _____ event.
- II. The Rapture is a _____ event.
- III. The Rapture is a _____ event.
- IV. The Rapture is God's way of _____ us from the tribulation period to come.
- V. The Rapture is a _____ event.

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