

Rapture Ready

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction

I. The Explanation of the Rapture

The Sequence: Return—Resurrection—Removal—Reunion

II. The Expectation of the Rapture

4 Main Views of the Timing

- 1) Pretribulation
- 2) Midtribulation
- 3) Prewrath
- 4) Posttribulation

4 Points in Favor of the Pretribulation View from 1 Thessalonians

- 1) Order of Events in 1 Thess 4—5
- 2) Exemption from divine wrath 1:10 5:1-4 5:9
- 3) Comforting purpose 4:18
- 4) Imminency 1:10 4:17

III. The Edification of the Rapture (18)

4 Practical Influences

- 1) Calming Influence (John 14:1-3)
- 2) Controlling Influence (1 Cor 15:58)
- 3) Cleansing Influence (1 John 3:3)
- 4) Converting Influence

Conclusion

