

# Wide Awake and Ready! I Thessalonians

## The King is Coming! Part 1 5:1-11



For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.



# Four Step Guide to the Rapture

1st - Jesus descends for His church

2nd - He comes with a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet sound!





3rd - The dead in Christ rise first

4th - The living will be “caught up” together with the dead Saints to meet the Lord in the air!



“Caught up,” (harpadzo); To snatch away, catch up, take by force. It suggests the exercise of a sudden force.

*The Holy Spirit's Action in . . .*

*. . . transferring Philip from one location to another (Acts 8:39).*

*. . . Paul caught up to Paradise.  
(2 Cor. 12:2, 4).*



**Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. I Corinthians 15:51, 52**

