

The Trumpet Call of God
Series: What's To Come
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Text: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is a passage of encouragement: *Therefore, encourage each other with these words.* v. 18

FIVE POWERFUL PROMISES ABOUT THE RAPTURE...

1. THE RAPTURE IS CERTAIN

According to the Lord's word... v. 16

You shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of glory. Matthew 26:64

Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. I Corinthians 15: 51-52

...while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ... Titus 2:13

...the coming of the Lord draws near. James 5:8

2. THE RAPTURE IS INSTANTANEOUS

...in the twinkling of an eye... I Corinthians 15:52

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:44

Two men will be working in the field; and in an instant one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; talking as they work – one may have turned her head for a moment – and when she looks back the woman is gone, and she is left back....Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:40-42

3. THE RAPTURE IS A TRANSFORMATION

... And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. 21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control... Philippians 3:20-21

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25,26

4. THE RAPTURE WILL BE A RESCUE OPERATION

...and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus who rescues us from the coming wrath. I Thessalonians 1:10

5. THE RAPTURE WILL TAKE US TO BE WITH JESUS FOR AN ETERNITY

And so we will be with the Lord forever. v. 17

And Enoch walked with God and was not, for God took him. Genesis 5:24