

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How should the Rapture affect our walk and witness right here and now?
2. What are some practical yet sensitive ways to comfort those who grieve within our body with hope in Christ? What has been/would be most helpful to you if you were the one grieving?
3. Most people fall in one of two categories:
  - a. Are you the type who tends to bottle up grief? If so, how does seeing biblical 'permission' to grieve help strengthen your faith?
  - b. Are you the type that tends to grieve uncontrollably? If so, how does seeing the hope and witnessing opportunities we can find in grief help you to work through and channel that grief?



**Series: DISCIPLESHIP—I Thessalonians**  
**Lesson: Part 8 – Comfort One Another**  
**Passage: 1 Thess. 4:13–18**

**Eschatology:** The study of \_\_\_\_\_,

- **Why Are We Talking about This \_\_\_\_\_?**
  - 1 Thess. all about \_\_\_\_\_
  - Addressing how eschatology affects our walk and witness
  - Specifically dealing with those who have died before Christ returns

*<sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, **WILL NOT PRECEDE** those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first.** <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*

**Blanks:** last things, Now, discipleship, Rapture, Point, arrival, Grieve

• What Does This Passage Tell Us about the \_\_\_\_\_?

- 'caught up' (ἀρπάζω [harpazō]) – (Gen. 5:24)
- 'a shout' (κέλευσμα [kēlēsma]) –
- 'the trumpet of God' – (Ex. 19:13, 16; Neh. 4:20; Is. 27:13; Matt. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:52)
- 'the voice of the archangel' –
- The παρῴσια [parōsia] – (5:23; 1:10)

• What is the \_\_\_\_\_ Being Made?

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who *are asleep*, so that you will not *grieve* as do the rest who have no hope..<sup>18</sup>Therefore *comfort* one another with these words.

- How we grieve
- How we comfort one another

What do we do with this text?

1. Be prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our King!
  - a. For the believer
  - b. For the unbeliever
2. \_\_\_\_\_ well (Acts 8:2; John 11:35; Rom. 12:15)