



The Rapture, The Resurrection, and The Return of Christ (Part 2)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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I. Evaluating Popular Teaching on the Rapture

A. The _____ of the term “rapture”

B. The popular meaning of the term — A _____ rapture

C. Evaluation of this “secret rapture”

1. Presupposes two distinct _____ — for the Church & for Israel

2. Presupposes a two-stage _____ of Christ

3. Presupposes that Christians must not have to endure the _____

II. Another Option

A. What, then, does Paul mean by “*caught up*”

- Understanding the _____ & _____ background and the connection to the *Porousia*

B. The Components of the Passage

1. The _____
2. The _____
3. _____ the Lord
4. _____ with the Lord

III.A Source of _____, not division

- A. We are encouraged to _____ as followers of Christ
- B. We are encouraged to _____ to Gospel to a lost & dying world
- C. We are encouraged to _____ for the building of the Church and the spread of the Kingdom
- D. We are encouraged to _____ one another as Jesus loves us
- E. We are encouraged to _____ to Christ in saving faith