

Studies in 1 Thessalonians: Part Eight

Wed. Night Bible Study

1 Thes. 4:13-18

1. **The “Sleeping” and the Rapture v.13-17 “them which are asleep”** (2Peter 3:4, Acts 7:60)
 - A. **Their Pattern v.14** “Jesus died and rose again” (1Cor. 15:12-23, Rom. 8:10-11)
 - B. **Their Place v.15** “shall not prevent” (1Cor. 15:51-52)
 - C. **Their Priority v.16** “shall rise first”(Ps.72:14, 116:15)
 - D. **Their Partners v.17** “together with them” (Heb. 11:40, 2Cor. 4:14)

2. **The Saints and the Rapture v.13-18 “alive and remain”** (1Cor. 15:50-52, Heb. 11:5)
 - A. **Our Confidence v.13-15** “...hope”(Prov. 14:32, Job 19:25-27)
 - a. **The Prevention v.13** “sorrow not”(1Cor. 15:19, Rev. 14:13)
 - b. **The Prerequisite v.14** “if we believe”(2Tim. 1:12, 1Pet.1:21)
 - c. **The Principle v.15** “by the word”(Eph 1:12-13, Rom. 15:4, Col. 1:5)
 - B. **Our Call v.16** “voice of the archangel”(Rev.1:10, 1Cor.15:52)
 - C. **Our Company v.17** “to meet the Lord”(Rev. 4:1)
 - D. **Our Continuance v.17** “so shall we ever be” (Jn. 14:1-3, Ps 23:6)
 - E. **Our Charge v.18** “comfort one another” (Titus 2:13, Heb. 10:24-25)

3. **The Savior and the Rapture v.15-17 “For the Lord”**
 - A. **His Immanent Return v.15** “coming of the Lord” (Rev. 22:7,12,22, 2Pet. 3:8-10)
 - B. **His Involvement Revealed v.16** “Lord himself” (Acts 1:11, Jn. 14:1-3)