

RAPTURE Pt. 1

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, will be our text. (Read.)

Jesus will some day return. We understand that. What will happen when he does? The answer is found in our text. However, this text is often misused/abused by the biblically ignorant.

Verse 17 has the concept of rapture. The words “caught up” in that verse teach the idea of the rapture. It has been pointed out that the common meaning of rapture is a feeling. The song we sing, *when with rapture I behold him*, is inaccurate. The rapture is not a feeling but an action or event.

The word for the Greek rapture means *to be taken up, seized*. Watch the eagle or hawk, they do just that when they find prey. Literally, rapture means to be carried off.

If we are to be taken up, who does that? Matthew 24:31 tells us that Jesus is coming with His angels, who will take us away. The event known as the **resurrection of the dead** will have already happened. Everyone will be standing on the face of the earth. The Lord and His angels come.

The angels will come to take us to meet the Lord in the clouds. And from there on to the Judgment Day. We must note here, 1 Thess. 4 addresses **ONLY** the saved. This text shows what happens to those saved by the blood of Christ.

This is important to note because of all the false teaching that out there. The “Left Behinders” (Hal Lindsey) have no idea what this text teaches. The point is the dead in Christ rise first and then those in Christ still alive are transformed! Great!

--In Him, Gary.

Medical & Prayer Needs

America

Kathy Carter – Surgery recovery.

Matt Davis – Tests. Prayers.

Roger Davis – Eye procedure soon.

Dennis – Back surgery soon. Son-in-law of Pratt's.

Margaret Jordan – Back surgery soon.

Randy Kuhn – Tests.

Eric Miller – Surgery. Friend of Steve Miller.

Laura Muhl – Cancer. Friend of Linda Caldwell.

Tom Tablett – Rehab.

Extended Prayer List:

Bertha Adair (Gail's aunt), Mitch Davis (grandson of Roger & Mary), Chesnie DeLong (daughter of Kathy Lindsey), Adele & Leroy Gall (Lisa's parents), Debbie Harris (Gail's sister), Jessi Hruss (Kathy Carter's niece), Barb King (Eileen's niece), Ruth Watson.

**Prayers are needed as we seek a new man for the pulpit. God's will in this matter is sought.
Thanks!**

Notes

Ladies Meeting

March 10th, 4:30.

Mondays For The Master

March 11th at 4:00 PM.

All Ladies welcome!

March Fellowship

March 17th, A.M.

Potluck meal. Bring something to share. Cake provided. Will celebrate March birthdays and anniversaries!

Ladies Bible Study:

March 19th, 9:30 AM.

Trivia Answers & Scriptures are given to Gary on paper with your name OR by texting him. C'mon, join in!

Trivia: According to 1 Kings 21, who gave King Ahab the message from God that Ahab would pay for his sin? **Answer:** Elijah.

Answerers: Eileen Kerns, Randy & Laura Kuhn, Noel Letso, Nancy Scarborough, Glen & Mary Priddy, Sharon Woodrum, Linda Ropog, Charlie Davis, Roger & Mary Davis, Terry & Gail Spriestersbach, Anita Mattingly, Kathy Lindsey.

New Trivia: According to 1 Peter 1, when does scripture say that Jesus was chosen to come to earth and offer a sacrifice for our sins?

SMILE

Watching Sunday school pupil Willy making faces at the kids around him, teacher Miss Betsy stopped the lesson and said, "Willy, when I was your age, I was told that if I make ugly faces, my face would freeze that way." Willy looked up and replied innocently, "Well, Miss Betsy, you can't say you weren't warned."

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

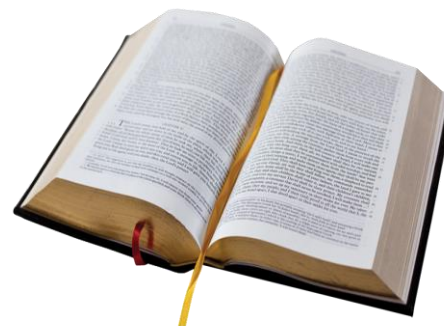
Danny Nafe	4
Teresa Smith	12
Amanda Brown	25
Austin Taylor	27

Pete & Becky Kois	4
Allen & Eileen Kern	7
Alex & Beckey Scarborough	30
Matt & Jen Davis	31

Widows & Widowers

Lola Anderson, Joyce Brewer, Frances Brown, Kathy Carter, Linda Caldwell, Joyce Fetzer, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Jerry Mullins, Shirley Sarver, Dora Talbert, Ruth Watson, Diana Wirth, Sharon Woodrum.

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In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.
Psalm 12:1-2. ESV.

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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm

All the churches of Christ greet you. Romans 16:16. ESV.

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and put it in the offering plate. We hope & pray you will return soon.