

## WHAT *really* HAPPENED

For **God did not appoint us to wrath**, [ *God did not intend for us to suffer His wrath. Instead, God intended for us to be rescued...* ] **but** to obtain salvation **through** our Lord Jesus Christ, **who died for us** [ *because to be rescued we had to be saved by trusting in Jesus first* ], **that** whether we **wake** OR **sleep**, we should **LIVE** together with Him

[Interjections in brackets]

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 NKJV**

But I **do not want you** to be **ignorant**, brethren, concerning those who have fallen **asleep** [believers who *died* ], lest you **sorrow as others who have no hope**. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will **bring with Him** those who **sleep in Jesus** [ *Jesus came to get us* and brought with Him **ALL the believers** who had died. We had a reunion and **now** we are all in **heaven** ].

[Interjections in brackets]

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 NKJV**

*whether we **wake** ...* refers to those of us who disappeared ( *we did **not die*** ).  
*... or **sleep** ...* means all who had *died ( those souls who have been in **heaven** )*.

And **Jesus** brought them when **He rescued** us so we could have a **reunion** in the **clouds** with our **family** and **friends** who we have **missed**.

Then we who are **alive and remain** **shall be caught up** together with them in the **clouds** to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

***1 Thessalonians 4:17 NKJV***

*We who are **alive and remain** ...* confirms that **we do not die** when this event happens.

***Caught up***, in this case, means to be *snatched away* like one might **snatch** a fish out of water with a net, or in this case snatched away is *in the **air*** ***caught up*** ...is the phrase that appears in English **translations** of the Bible that refers to the **event** that is known as the ***Rapture***.

The **Rapture** refers to the event that occurred when **we** all suddenly disappeared.

There has been a lot of **debate** about the **WORD Rapture** and the event itself because *Rapture* does not appear in any **English** translation of the **Bible**.

The word **did not become popular** until the 1800's. **But** it is **the MEANING** of the **word** that is ***really IMPORTANT***.

The **CONCEPT** of **Rapture** originates from the **Greek** word ***harpazo*** meaning "to seize, ***snatch***, or **take away**".

*It is where we get the word **harpoon**.*

But the *word* **Rapture** actually comes from the **Latin** word ***raptus***, meaning "a carrying off, abduction, or **snatching away**."

*Before the 16<sup>th</sup> century, only **Latin Bibles** were allowed in Western European churches. And the first English Bible was translated **FROM Latin**.*

It was the ***strong* Latin** influence that caused the word ***Rapture*** to be associated with the ***event*** translated as ***caught up***.

But what ***WE CALL*** the event is **not important**. The original language of the New Testament was ***Greek*** and the word ***HARPAZO*** WAS USED, so the meaning is clear and **stays the same**.

Behold, I tell you a **mystery** [ *I am now telling you what **has been hidden** from you* ]: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed** — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**.

[Interjections in brackets]

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV**

*We shall not all sleep ... means **we will NOT all die**, the same as the scriptures referenced earlier.*

But what does it mean that ***we shall be changed ?***

Now this I say, brethren, **that FLESH AND BLOOD cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption [ *sin* ] inherit incorruption [ *no sin* ]**.

[Interjections in brackets]  
**1 Corinthians 15:50 NKJV**

who will **transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His [ *Jesus's* ] glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself [ *Jesus IS God and HE created ALL things. And He can create ALL things AGAIN any way He chooses* ].

[Interjections in brackets]**Philippians 3:21 NKJV**

***From those* verses we can *know* that, at that moment we all disappeared,** the following happened:

All who had died (those **spirits** who have been in **heaven** since their *death* on earth) **received** their *new, incorruptible* and *glorified* bodies.

All of us who were ***caught up*** got new, **changed** bodies — glorified bodies — the **same** type of body **Jesus** had after **He rose** from the dead.

And now we are all in heaven worshiping *Jesus*..