

## FAITH FOR A RAPTURE

### I THESSALONIANS 4:13

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you BY THE WORD OF THE LORD, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

GOING. BEYOND. THE. CAMP\_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-3 SUNDAY\_ 64-0719E

22 "We'll be caught up together, to meet the Lord in the air. " Think of it! Missing people, they can't see you no more, but you're getting together with the rest of the group.

"They which are alive and remain to the Coming of the Lord shall not prevent, or hinder," the word is, "those which are asleep," not dead. No, Christians don't die. They're just taking a little rest, see. That's all. Oh, my! "And the trump of God shall sound; and the dead in Christ shall rise first,"

appear to many. And all at once, you happen to stand and look, and, well, there's a brother, and you know it ain't long. In a few minutes, "We'll be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. And together with them, be missing on earth, caught up to meet the Lord in the air. "

23 And, to think, with all that we have seen in the Scriptures, and the clear-cut vindications of the hour that we're living in, it could happen before the service ends, just think of that, this night. . .

#### I THESSALONIANS 4:14

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

#### COLOSSIANS 3:3

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

#### I THESSALONIANS 4:17

17 \*THEN we which are alive and remain shall be \*CAUGHT up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

THEN: epeita {ep'-i-tah}

after that, thereupon, thereafter, immediately afterwards. The next step, not the identical time but immediately afterward.

CAUGHT: harpazo {har-pad'-zo}

catch up, take by force, catch away, to seize, carry off by force, to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly, to snatch out or away. The Latin word rapto means "to seize, to carry off"; and from it we get our English word rapture.

#### I THESSALONIANS 4:18

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

#### PHILIPPIANS 3:20

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

PHILIPPIANS 3:21

21 Who shall change our \*VILE body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

VILE: tapeinosis {tap-i'-no-sis}

low estate, humiliation, metaph. spiritual abasement, leading one to perceive and lament his (moral) littleness and guilt

SUBDUE: hupotasso {hoop-ot-as'-so}

be subject to, put in subjection under, A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader".

I JOHN 3:2

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

JOHN 17:5

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

JOHN 17:24

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

GENESIS 5:24

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

#### JUDE 1:14

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

It was his business and happiness to live for God: it was his reward to live with God. He was in the prime of life, when God took him; had not, according to general reckoning, lived out half his days: but surely he was a wonderful gainer by the exchange.

FAITH. IS. THE. SUBSTANCE\_ OAKLAND. CA SATURDAY\_ 47-0412

E-61 We've got to get in such a place till we be translated like Enoch was. That's right. Faith, testimony, that it pleased God. Did not Enoch. . . Our following Scripture said that Enoch had a testimony by faith that he pleased God.

Is that right? And the Bible said, "Without faith it's impossible to please God. " So you've got to have the same kind of faith that you believe, and know. . .

#### GENESIS 5:24

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God \*TOOK him.

TOOK: laqach {law-kakh'}

to take, get, fetch, lay hold of, seize, marry, take a wife, snatch, take away

to take from, take out of, take, carry away, take away, take possession of,

## HEBREWS 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was \*TRANSLATED that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

TRANSLATED: metatithemi {met-at-ith'-ay-mee}

Remove, change, to transpose two things, one of which is put in place of the other, to transfer, to change, to go or pass over.

TESTIMONY: martureo {mar-too-reh'-o} bear witness, have a good report, to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something, or that he knows it because taught by divine revelation or inspiration

## COLOSSIANS 1:9

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

## I JOHN 3:22

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

REDEMPTION. BY. JUDGMENT\_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY\_ 54-1114

E-39 The greatest pleasure that the believer has is knowing that he's living or doing something that's pleasing the Lord. . . Why, if we was looking for the coming of the Lord like we should be looking, why, my, there would be no friction no where.

Everybody'd be in love and there'd be harmony. . .

WE. WOULD. SEE. JESUS\_ NEW. YORK. NY THURSDAY\_ 58-0501

E-18 Oh, would it not be a glorious thing tonight, if this entire church could have that testimony: "I always do that which is pleasing to the Father"? Would not that thrill the heart of His church to have that testimony?

There would be a translation like Enoch's time. And it'll have to be that near His coming.

FROM. THE. BEGINNING. IT. WASN'T. SO\_ SAN. JOSE. CA WEDNESDAY\_ 59-1125

E-25 Enoch just got tired walking around; he'd had walked with Him five hundred years and did--and pleased Him all the time, said, "I'm just not adjusted to the earth so I'll think I'll go home with Him this afternoon,"

and just walked right on up through the sky. Oh, I wished I had that kind of faith. It's going to take that kind of faith at the coming of the Lord, to take a little stroll some afternoon out here and walk right on out home with Him. . . Yes, a man has that faith, I'd never put a straw in his way.

I'd praise God for him just as hard as I could. Yes, sir, because we'll have to be that way before we are raptured with Him in the last days.

ABSOLUTE\_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-18 SUNDAY\_ 62-1230M

35-3 Oh, and I remember when He swept down there in that big Light, standing yonder at the bottom of the river, 1933, in June, when He said, "As--as John the Baptist was sent forth and forerun the first coming of Christ,

I send you with a Message to the world to forerun the second coming of Christ. " And around the world she's went, when revival fires had been built for fifteen years on nearly every mountain. . . ?. . . Divine healing across the nations, and the power, and restoration. . .

And now, I believe she's ready to strike that final climax yonder to bring forth a faith that'll rapture the Church into glory (It's the truth. ), and She's laying in the Messages.