

The Rapture of the Church—Dr. Bob Gromacki

A. Main Features (1 Thess. 4:13 – 18)

1. Descent of Christ
2. Resurrection of the dead in Christ
3. Translation of living believers
4. Meeting with Christ in the air
5. Presence forever with Christ

B. Key Passages Support

1. John 14:1-3
2. John 21:20-23
3. Romans 13:11
4. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
5. 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
6. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
7. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2
8. Titus 2:11-14
9. James 5:7-9
10. 1 John 2:28—3:3
11. Revelation 3:10
12. Revelation 22:20

C. Positive Responses Within the Believers

1. Removal of anxiety (John 14:1-3)
2. Expectation (John 21:20-23; James 5:7-9)
3. Encouragement (1 Corinthians 15:58)
4. Comfort and Hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
5. Purity (1 John 3:2-3)
6. Prayer (Revelation 22:20)

D. Observations About the Rapture

1. Based upon divinely revealed truth (1 Thessalonians 4:15)
2. It is a mystery (1 Corinthians 15:51)
3. It is imminent
4. No signs precede it
5. It ends the Church age
6. No prophetic event must occur before it