

TO RECAPTURE THE RAPTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:17

1. WHAT ABOUT THE RAPTURE?

- A. The unsaved, not the redeemed will be taken out? Matt 13:24-43.(note v.30,40,41)
- B. The rapture will not have to be advertized with bumper stickers. It will not be a secret. 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 1 Cor. 15:50-57; 2 Peter 3:10.
- C. The rapture will not be a 3 1/2 to 7 year rendezvous in the stratosphere. Where could we hide in a heaven that has passed away? 2 Peter 3:10.
- D. Christ's second coming will not be a two stage affair. Heb. 9:27-28.
- E. The wicked and the righteous will be raised together. John 5:28-29.

2. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?

- A. It says that righteous dead will be "caught up". 1 Thess.4:17; Heb. 11:5; 2 Kings 2:11.
- B. Five important facts:
 - a. The event will take place at Christ's coming, period.
 - b. His coming will be, apparently a noisome event.
 - c. The dead in Christ will rise just moments before the living saints are snatched.
 - d. Both are to be taken up into the clouds as Christ was.
 - e. Those taken up to be with Him in the air shall be with Him forevermore.

3. TWO QUESTIONS ARE IN ORDER.

- A. Is the rapture a "hush", "hush" and nocturnal meeting of a secret society? If it is to be at night, isn't it day time some place in the earth at all times? 1 Thess. 4:17-18; 2 Peter 3:10.
- B. Will our Lord come twice? Will He come to take the saints first? Will He then come after the so-called one thousand year tribulation in an event called the revelation? Matthew 13: 24-30, 37-43; Matthew 13:47-50.