

“Resurrection of the Dead” (#06)
“The Rapture of the Church”

During the month of April, we are studying a new series of lessons entitled, Resurrection of Dead.

Paul is answering questions written by church leaders regarding doctrinally issues associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ – “How do some of you say?” (1 Cor.15:12) In our lesson text, Paul used Greek grammatical markers to outline certain Eschatological doctrines - “Then the end.” (1 Cor.15:24).

Some were teaching that that the resurrection of the dead had already taken place:

(2 Tim.2:17-18) “And their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philteus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset the faith of some.”

After Tuesday night lesson, it was apparent to me that many have a good general knowledge of Rapture, but lack some of its important details (1 Cor.15:23). We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following five points.

- Dead in Christ (1 Thess.4:13) Doctrinal information about “those who have fallen asleep.”
- Dead in Christ (1 Thess.4:14-15) They will come with Jesus.
- Dead in Christ (1 Thess.4:16) They will receive their resurrection bodies first.
- Dead in Christ (1 Thess.4:17) Living Church Age Believers will be caught-up together with them.
- Dead in Christ (1 Thess.4:18) Doctrine of Rapture is encouragement to those who bury believers.

This lesson will address some of these important details by the acrostic, RAPTURE.

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