



Raptured

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction: Can you imagine for a moment, millions of people all over the world suddenly disappearing from the earth? Jets plummeting to the ground because they no longer have a pilot at the controls, driverless buses, trains, and cars causing unimaginable disaster. Classrooms suddenly without teachers, children disappearing from their beds. People running through the streets looking for missing family members who were there just moments ago. Panic grips every household, city, and country. Fiction you say, couldn't happen, stuff made for the movies. Well, think again. I'm here to tell you what many think is fiction the Bible says is a reality. According to the Bible a time is coming in which all who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ will be suddenly caught up from the earth and taken into heaven. It's called the rapture of the church and this morning the Apostle Paul is going to explain in detail this glorious cosmic event when Jesus returns for us in the air.

OUTLINE

- I. The rapture is a _____ - _____ event.
- II. The purpose of the rapture is to _____ Christ's own from the horrors of the tribulation.
- III. The rapture is an event that could occur at any _____.
- IV. The rapture is an _____ event.
- V. The rapture is an _____ event.
- VI. The rapture is an _____ event.
- VII. The rapture is an _____ event.
- VIII. The rapture is an _____ event.

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