

**Series: A THRIVING HOPE (6/29/25)**

**Title: Our Immediate Hope: The Resurrection**

**Text:** (Acts 23:6)(1 Thes 4:13-18)

**The Last Prophetic Sign:** (Matt 24:32)(Mk 13:28)(Lk 21:29)

**These 3 Conditions Plague Christians:** (1 Thes 4:13)

**Ignorance:** We Expect the Lost to be clueless: (1 Cor 2:14)

**Sorrow:** Because we don't know what is coming.

**No Hope = Hopelessness:** *is the natural result!* (John 10:10)

**I. What is the Mystery of Resurrection:** (1 Cor 15:51)

(Dan 12:4)(Acts 1:6-7)(2 Cor 4:3-4)(1 Thes 4:16)

(John 5:28-29)

1. "All" - None Deserted!
2. "Shall Hear" - None Deaf!
3. "Shall Come Forth" - None Disobedient!
4. "The Resurrection of life" - None Destitute of Reward!

**The Resurrection of the Saved:** (1 Thes 4:13-18)

5. "The Resurrection of damnation.

**Resurrection of the Unsaved:** (Rev 20:11-15)(2 Tim 2:19)

- No Disarranged, Mis Marked, or Mis handled.

**Paul Gives us the Order of Events:** (1 Cor 15:20,23-24)

There is a 1st and a 2nd Resurrection: (Rev 20:1-5-6)

**There is a Select Multitude:** (1 Thes 4:16) "**Dead in Christ**"

(1 Thes 4:16c) is the Resurrection of the Body

(1 Cor 15:52) "*the dead shall be raised incorruptible*"

(1 Cor 15:53) *For this corruptible must put on incorruption...*

(Rom 8:21)(2 Pet 1:4)

**Now that we are saved, our bodies are not fit for heaven.**

(1 Cor 15:40) *Celestial Bodies, and Bodies Terrestrial:*

**Our Bodies must be changed/remade suitable for heaven.**

(1 Cor 15:50-53)(2 Cor 5:1-4) *Clothed Upon!* ...

(1 Cor 15:42-44)(Rev 21:4-5a)

**II. What is the Mystery of Rapture:** (1 Cor 15:51)

**Paul calls it a Mystery:** "*Behold, I shew you a mystery;*"

**Our Immediate Hope:** Resurrection of the dead: (Acts 23:6)

**Paul Expected to be alive when Christ returned!** (Vs 51)

(Luke 17:34-37) the non-believer WILL be left Behind!

**A Sudden Moment:** (1 Cor 15:52)

(Matt 24:44)(1 Jn 3:2) (1 Thes 4:17)

**Transported from one place to Another!**

**Har-pad'-zo** (Acts 8:39) "*Caught away Philip*"

**Rapture: (Harpazo) Also Means: Rescued from danger**

(Acts 23:10)

**Har-pad'-zo** ~ "*Pulling them from the fire*" (Jude 1:23)

**How Are We Assured this is going to Happen?**

**By the Saving Work of Our Lord!** (1 Thes 4:14-15)(Ro 1:16)

**There are signs, but we are looking for HIM.** (1 Thes 4:16)

**Jesus is Coming:** (Acts 1:11) *This Same Jesus!*

**Jesus will Shout:** (Song 2:10)(Song 2:13b)

**The Archangel will speak to Israel!** (Matt 25:6)

**Trumpet of God:** (Num 10:9-10)

**Rescue:** *The Great Tribulation will then Ensnare.*

(1 Thes 1:9-10) *We are to be Waiting!!! Hope=Expectation!*

(1 Thes 5:9) *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

1. **Relief:** (Vs 13)

2. **Reassurance:** (vs 14)

3. **Revelation:** (Vs 15a)

4. **Report:** (Vs 15b)

5. **Return:**

*16a For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven*

(Phil 3:20)

6. **Reverberation:**

*16b with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:*

(1 Cor 15:52a) *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound,”*

7. **Resurrection:**

*16c and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

(Phil 3:21)

8. **Rapture:**

*17a Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up*

9. **Reunion:**

*17b together with them in the clouds,*

*“Caught up together” those that were dead and alive.*

10. **Reception:**

*17c to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

(John 14:3)

(1 John 3:2-3)

The Rapture is not the Return:

This is a secluded meeting:

A Hope without end!

A Hope Beyond this life!

***Do you have such hope?***

***This Hope is in Christ Jesus!***

(1 Pet 1:3-4)

**Are you Ready!**

(Matt 24:44)

**Remember:** *you bat your eyes 14k -19k times on average.*

*You have 16k opportunities for Christ to Return today.*

***“Twinkling of an eye”***

A sparkling, The wink of the eye, a blink.

15-20 opportunities every minute

a day for Christ to Return!