

**The 10 R's of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
(Part 1)**

1) The _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

- a) Q: Why did _____ present this teaching on the Rapture to this particular audience? What was his reason?
- b) A: He wrote this passage to eliminate _____.
- c) Paul wrote the letter of 1 Thessalonians from the city of _____ in about AD 51, during his _____ missionary journey.



Paul's Second Missionary Journey
A.D. 49 - 52
Acts. 15:39 - Acts 18:22

- d) While among the Thessalonians, Paul evidently taught extensively about _____ events
- e) While in Corinth, Timothy brought news about a _____ in the church in Thessalonica.
- f) Paul wrote 1 Thess. 4:13-18 to clarify his previous _____ teaching on the Rapture.

2) The _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:14a)

- a) Our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ forms the root, the _____, the core of our teaching on the Rapture.

- b) When Jesus _____ on the cross, He paid the price for our sins with His precious blood. Because Jesus _____ from the dead, we have assurance that God accepted the death of Christ on our behalf.

3) The _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:14b)

- a) At the Rapture God will bring the perfected spirits of believers back with Him from _____.
- b) Those perfected _____ (with the Lord in Heaven 2 Cor. 5:8) will be rejoined with their _____ bodies (1 Cor. 15:51-54)
- c) Illustrate: The Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:17)
 - i) When Adam & Eve ate the fruit did they die _____?
 - ii) No, but they did die _____.
- d) In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 the words fallen asleep or asleep occur three times. It's a common Biblical euphemism for _____ (Matt. 27:52; John 11:11; Acts 7:60; 13:36)
 - i) This is not referring to the idea of _____ that is taught by Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses. The doctrine of soul sleep maintains that when a person dies the soul, as well as the body, sleeps in the grave, unconscious until the resurrection. In other words, the body returns to dust while the soul becomes unconscious.
 - ii) The Bible teaches that when a person dies, his or her soul is _____ in Heaven or Hell. (Luke 16:19-31; Luke 23:39-43; Acts 7:56-60; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23)
- e) The "sleep" in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 refers to the sleep of the _____, not the _____.

4) What _____ Does it Make?

- a) The Rapture Has a Converting Influence on Seeking Hearts
- b) The Rapture Has a _____ Influence on Soul-Winning Hearts