

The 10 R's of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(Part 4)

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction: Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” This is not speaking of the _____ but of the Glorious Appearing at the end of the _____.

In previous weeks we began to study “The 10 R's of 1 Thess. 4”: (1) The Reason (4:13) (2) The Root (4:14a) (3) The Rejoining (4:14b) (4) The Revelation (4:15a) (5) The Reappearing (4:15b-16) (6) The Resurrection (4:15b-16)

7) The _____ (4:17a)

- a) 1Co 15:51 “Behold, I shew you a _____.”
- b) Why is the Rapture called a _____?
- c) A mystery is a _____ that has not been _____ up to that point in time and man could not figure it out apart from _____ revelation. (Eph. 3:5, 9; Col. 1:26)
- d) The truth that believers would be caught up to heaven without _____ was a truth that had been hidden in God up to that time.

8) The _____ (4:17)

- a) At this moment we will see _____ face to face for the very first time.
- b) We will also be reunited with all our departed _____ ones who know the Lord
- c) Will we _____ people in heaven?

- i) The Bible does not tell us everything we would like to know about life after death. That lack of information does not reveal God's desire to keep us in the dark, but rather our own inability to understand the answer. Heaven by definition is a realm unlike the _____ in which we live. God could tell us everything we wanted to know but the answers wouldn't make sense to us. It's like trying to explain the color green to a _____ man. Heaven will make perfect sense to us once we get there.
- ii) Luke 16:19-31 The rich man recognizes Lazarus and remembers their _____ on earth.
- iii) Luke 16:19-31 The rich man also remembers his five _____ who are still on earth.
- iv) Matthew 17:1-4 gives a hint that we will recognize people we _____ met here on earth.
- v) Matt. 22:30 and Mark 12:25 Makes it clear that some relationships will not be the _____

9) The _____ (4:17c)

- a) At the Rapture, we will meet the Lord in the air. But after we meet Him, what then? Where will we go?
- b) The Bible teaches we will go to the “_____”

John 14:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Troubled, vs. 1	Sorrow, vs. 13
Believe, vs. 1	Believe, vs. 14
God, Me, vs. 1	Jesus, God, vs. 14
Told You, vs. 2	Say to You, vs. 15
Come Again, vs. 3	Coming of the Lord, vs. 15
Receive You, vs. 3	Caught Up, vs. 17
To Myself, vs. 3	To Meet the Lord, vs. 17
Be Where I am, vs. 3	Ever be with the Lord, vs. 17

10) The _____ (4:18)

- a) “Wherefore _____ one another with these words.”
- b) __ centuries ago, this letter was given to comfort believers who had lost loved ones before the Rapture.

- b) The Rapture Has a Caring Influence on Soul-Winning Hearts
- c) The Rapture Has a Cleansing Influence on Sinning Hearts
- d) The Rapture Has a Calming Influence on Stirred Hearts
- e) The Rapture Has a _____ Influence on Serving Hearts
(1 Cor. 15:58)

• The Rapture _____

1. The Lord Himself will _____ descend from the Father’s house, where He is preparing a place for the redeemed. He will bring with Him the disembodied spirits of believers who have died before the Rapture.
2. The Lord will give a commanding _____.
3. Michael the archangel will give a call.
4. The last trumpet of the _____ age will sound, gather the Lord’s people to meet Him in the air.
5. The _____ of the dead in Christ will be raised incorruptible, imperishable, and immortal.
6. The perfected spirits and resurrected, glorified bodies of departed believers will be _____ forever.
7. Living believers will be _____ transformed in body, soul and spirit. The new bodies will be incorruptible, immortal and imperishable, fit for heavenly existence.
8. These living saints will be translated from _____ to heaven.
9. There will be a great _____ in the sky of all dead and living believers with the Lord.
10. Jesus will escort His bride _____ to the Father’s house in heaven.

Conclusion: What _____ Does it Make?

- a) The Rapture Has a Converting Influence on Seeking Hearts