



## Caught Up Together (I Thess. 4:13-18)

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### ☑ Do not be ignorant?

- ☑ With what are those in Thessalonica concerned?
- ☑ They seem to understand the resurrection, and they seem to understand the idea that they will inherit eternal life.
- ☑ And they seem to understand that Christ is coming back.
- ☑ But, some have lost hope as they are not sure how it all works. What if you are dead before His return?
- ☑ What they don't seem to understand is that we are raised with Christ, not only spiritually, but physically as well.
- ☑ **Our spiritual resurrection:** *“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death**? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that **just as Christ was raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, **certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His***

**resurrection**, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.” Romans 6:3-7 NKJV

☑ **And also our physical resurrection:** “Now if we died with Christ, **we believe that we shall also live with Him**, knowing that Christ, **having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.**” Romans 6:8-9 NKJV

☑ **If you believe Y’shua died and rose from the grave...**

☑ Then you must know this... When Christ comes again (His second coming), He will resurrect from the dead those who died with the faith that Jesus is the Messiah (Lord and Savior), and He will bring them (rapture them) to Himself.

☑ One Exception (at His first coming)

☑ “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and **the graves were opened**; and **many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised**; and **coming out of the graves after His**

**resurrection**, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.” Matthew 27:51-53 NKJV

- ☑ At His crucifixion the graves of some of those who died in Christ were opened, and at His resurrection they too were raised from the dead.
- ☑ This foreshadows the mass resurrection of saints that comes at His second coming.
- ☑ **There is no better description of what that resurrection looks like, than Paul’s detailed explanation to the Corinthians.**
- ☑ *“But someone will say, **“How are the dead raised up? And with **what body do they come?**” Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. **So*****

*also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, **the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.** The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. **As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.** Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery:** We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible*

*has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “**Death is swallowed up in victory.**” “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”*  
***The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.*** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, ***be steadfast, immovable,*** always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that ***your labor is not in vain in the Lord.***” I Corinthians 15:35-58 NKJV

- ☑ **How are the dead raised and what type of body do they get?**
- ☑ Your human body that is defective, flawed, and capable of sin and death goes into the dirt and resurrects as a glorified body—perfect, eternally pure, and immortal.
- ☑ Your body that was soiled by sin is raised in glory.
- ☑ Your body that is vulnerable is raised in power.
- ☑ Your natural body is raised as a glorified spiritual body.
- ☑ Compare Adam who was a human man (the natural came first and are like Adam) to the heavenly man Y’shua (the last Adam, the spiritual came after).

- ☑ Christ showed us His glorified body on the mountain (Matthew 17) and then He was raised from the dead in a glorified body. His resurrection will give our dead bodies life—we are to become like Christ.
- ☑ We were born in image of Adam, but we were made to reflect the image of Y'shua.
- ☑ **Why?**
  - ☑ Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom.
  - ☑ Corruption cannot inherit incorruption.
- ☑ **What must happen?**
  - ☑ It's mysterious, but it works like this.
  - ☑ Almost every human in history will die once, but in the final days before Y'shua returns, those who are alive when He comes will witness it, and will have never tasted death even once.
  - ☑ It will happen like we've rehearsed for generations at the Feast of Trumpets.
  - ☑ It will be the last trumpet blast and at that moment, everyone who has died in Christ will be raised with their new incorruptible glorified bodies.
  - ☑ It will take place in an instant and every believer will be transformed into glorified humans (first those who

had died already, then next for those who are alive at His return).

- ☑ That is when sin and death will be defeated and we will be perfectly and permanently conformed to God's laws.
- ☑ So, stay steady and be unwavering until then; and know that your work for the Lord is valuable and necessary.
- ☑ **Let's put to rest when this will happen...**
- ☑ When the seventh and final trumpet is ***ABOUT TO SOUND!***
- ☑ *"but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel [seventh and final trumpet], when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets."* Revelation 10:7 NKJV
- ☑ Then John is given the next layer of prophecy (eats the little book of prophetic insight) in Revelation 10:8-11.
  - ☑ *"And he said to me, "***You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.***""*  
Revelation 10:11 NKJV
- ☑ Then we have the Two witnesses (Revelation 11:1-14)
- ☑ **Then the seventh and final trumpet blows:**

☑ The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord!

☑ ***“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”** And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”***

*Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. **And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”*** Revelation 11:15-19  
NKJV

☑ **The seventh angel blows the seventh and final trumpet.**

- ☑ That is when Y'shua returns (the second coming) and the kingdoms of this world are transferred back into His possession.
- ☑ After that, as we will see in detail shortly, is when God's wrath is poured out on the unbelieving world and then on Satan and his entire team!
- ☑ At the end of that long season of prophetic events (as we will see shortly) the dead are judged and his servants are rewarded.
- ☑ The Seventh Trumpet and the Return of Christ (second coming)
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*Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV*

☑ **And then the wrath of God...**

☑ First we must recognize that Revelation 12-14 is a parentheses between Revelation 11 and 15 in which John rewinds to fill in historical and prophetic details.

☑ Then the wrath of God comes down, which God's people will not experience because they have already been caught up (raptured):

☑ The Wrath of God!

☑ *“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: **seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.**”* Revelation 15:1 NKJV

☑ *“Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, **“Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”**”* Revelation 16:1 NKJV

☑ Revelation 15-18 explains all the details and outcome of the wrath of God.

☑ Believers will not be here for God's wrath; (they were raptured already). And this is where there is so much

confusion. As Paul says a bit later in this letter to the Thessalonians.....

☑ *“For **God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,”* 1

Thessalonians 5:9 NKJV

☑ This is the fuel for the pre-tribulation rapture belief system. If God did not appoint us to wrath, then we certainly must be gone toward the beginning of the book of revelation (before the first seal is opened in Revelation 6).

☑ And this misunderstanding is rooted in the lack of separation between the tribulation of the Seven Seals and Seven Trumpets (really six trumpets as the seventh is the return of Christ and the rapture) and God’s wrath instituted against His enemies during the seven bowls of wrath.

☑ **Let’s view the timing of the resurrection and judgment**

☑ The Timing of the Resurrection of those in Christ

☑ *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God**, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark*

on their foreheads or on their hands. And **they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years** [they were resurrected]. But **the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.** Blessed and holy is he **who has part in the first resurrection.** Over such **the second death has no power,** but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and ***shall reign with Him a thousand years.***” Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV

- ☑ John see the saints who died during the the Great Tribulation (the 7 Seals and 7 Trumpets) and is shown how they will resurrect at the second coming of the Lord (evidence that Christians live through the Great Tribulation, and are not raptured beforehand).
- ☑ Matthew 24 (Christians live through the Great Tribulation):
  - ☑ ““Then ***they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you,*** and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.” Matthew 24:9 NKJV
  - ☑ “For then ***there will be great tribulation,*** such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ***And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved;*** but

*for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."*

Matthew 24:21-22 NKJV

- ☑ *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven...**”*

Matthew 24:29-30 NKJV

- ☑ Those martyred during the Great Tribulation, along with all those who had died in Christ, will resurrect into their new incorruptible glorified bodies at His second coming, as we read earlier in I Corinthians 15:35-58.
- ☑ **End times order of business...**
  - ☑ (Revelation 10:1-7) The last trumpet is prepared to be blown (so Christ can return).
  - ☑ (Revelation 10:8-10) In the little book John swallows, we unpack what that final preparation will look like (two witnesses).
  - ☑ (Revelation 11:15-19) the Last Trumpet is blown — the dead in Christ are raised incorruptible (I Corinthians 15:35-58).

- ☑ (Revelation 15-16) Judgments and the Bowls of Wrath against unbelievers who are alive at His second coming (believers have been raptured by this time at the Seventh Trumpet).
- ☑ (Revelation 17-18) The Seventh Bowl of Wrath is elaborated.
- ☑ (Revelation 19) The Final Battle against the armies of Satan (Armageddon) in preparation for the marriage supper of the lamb.
- ☑ (Revelation 20) Satan bound for 1000 years; Saints rule and reign with Christ for 1000 years; *“Now **when the thousand years have expired**, Satan will be released from his prison...”*
- ☑ (Revelation 20:7-10); Satan rebels, and is crushed; and then...
- ☑ **The Great White Throne Judgement.**
  - ☑ This is the judgment unto death for those who died without Christ and the judgment unto blessings for those who died in Christ.
  - ☑ *“Then I saw **a great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, **and books***

*were opened. And another book was opened, which is **the Book of Life**. And **the dead were judged according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and **Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them**. And **they were judged, each one according to his works**. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**. And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life** was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV*

- ☑ This is the second resurrection: Unbelievers are resurrected in the second resurrection and the books of judgment are open.
- ☑ The Book of Life is also opened and the dead [in Christ] are judged according to their works!
- ☑ Those who had died in Christ were ALREADY resurrected so those being resurrected here are only those who died WITHOUT Christ.
- ☑ The reason the Book of Life is opened is to show two things.
- ☑ Judgement for blessings for believers according to their works.

- ☑ And that the names of the unbelievers who just resurrected in the second resurrection are NOT written in its pages. They are found in the other books (very bad news)!
- ☑ Judgement for blessings for believers according to their works
- ☑ *“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. **But let each one take heed how he builds on it.** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; **for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire;** and the **fire will test each one’s work**, of what sort it is. If **anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.** If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; **but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.** Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the*

*temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” I Corinthians 3:9-17 NKJV*

### ☑ **The Judgement Seat of Christ**

- ☑ Remember: the Great White Throne Judgement IS NOT the resurrection for believers; that took place already at His second coming.
- ☑ However, all people, believer and unbeliever alike, sit at the judgment seat of Christ.
- ☑ *“For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” II Corinthians 5:10 NKJV*
- ☑ *“But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath **in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God**, who “**will render to each one according to his deeds**”: **eternal life to** those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and **immortality**; **but to those** who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—**indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish**, on every soul of man who does evil, of*

*the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **For there is no partiality with God.***” Romans 2:5-11 NKJV

☑ *“But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.** For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, **Every knee shall bow to Me,** **And every tongue shall confess to God.**””* Romans 14:10-11 NKJV

☑ Every knee shall bow!

☑ *“**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,** of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **and that every tongue should confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:10-11 NKJV

☑ Sheep and Goats? (This seems to be the equivalent of the Great White Throne Judgement)

☑ *““When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, **then He will sit on the throne of His glory.** All the nations will be gathered before Him, and **He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the***

*goats. And He will set the **sheep on His right** hand, but the **goats on the left**. Then the King will say to those **on His right hand**, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world: {41} “Then He will also say to those **on the left hand**, ‘**Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels** [the second death]:” Matthew 25:31-34, 41 NKJV*

☑ **Then eternity...**

☑ (Revelation 21-22): a New Heaven and a New Earth, the New Jerusalem, and eternity!

☑ “For this we say to you **by the word of the Lord**, that we **who are alive** and remain until the coming of the Lord **will by no means precede** those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven **with a shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the trumpet** of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise first. Then** we who are alive and remain **shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall **always be with the Lord.**” I Thessalonians 4:15-17 NKJV

☑ **With all that said...**

- ☑ If you are alive when the second coming occurs, which means you have never even experienced the first death, you will wait for those who had died in Christ to resurrect first before you are caught up to the Lord.
- ☑ Then it's your turn, and from then on, for all eternity, you will be with the Lord.
- ☑ And here we see again... the Lord comes **with the trumpet** of God (the last trumpet).
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- ☑ *“Therefore **comfort one** another with these words.” I  
Thessalonians 4:18 NKJV*
- ☑ **Do you get it?**
- ☑ If you understand, you won’t be ignorant any longer.
- ☑ **We’ve seen I Thessalonians, I Corinthians, and Revelation...**
- ☑ **The age-old controversy:** The timing of Lord’s second coming, tribulation, and the rapture.
- ☑ Matthew 24 beautifully displays the timing of the raptured and the coming of the Lord.
- ☑ *“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, **“Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”**” Matthew 24:3 NKJV*
- ☑ *““Then **they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you**, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.” Matthew 24:9 NKJV*
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- ☑ *“For **as the lightning comes** from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”*  
Matthew 24:27 NKJV
- ☑ *“**Immediately after the tribulation** of those days **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**”*  
Matthew 24:29-31 NKJV
- ☑ **It is particularly critical to highlight, in the Book of Revelation, what Matthew describes as the Great Tribulation in his gospel.**
- ☑ It seems perfectly clear that it is a time of suffering and distress at which Christians are present (not yet raptured).
- ☑ Revelation accounts for that time taking place before the bowls of wrath come on the earth (the 7 Seals and 7 Trumpets) which aligns with Paul’s statement later in I Thessalonians that God people are not appointed to

wrath; (Seals and Trumpets) tribulation yes, (Bowls of wrath no.

- ☑ **Tribulation takes place during the opening of the seven seals in Revelation and the blowing of the seven trumpets, the last at which the Lord returns (His second coming).**
- ☑ This perfectly coincides with what comes next, the bowls of wrath which are poured out on a world now occupied by unbelievers only.
- ☑ **Here in Matthew we see the same order of events!**
  - ☑ They will deliver Christians up to tribulation and kill them.
  - ☑ It will be great tribulation and unless those days were shortened (by the rapture), no flesh would be saved.
  - ☑ But, those days are cut short for the sake of the elect. How?
  - ☑ Immediately after the tribulation we have the signs of the Lords' return in the heavens (signs of the Son of Man will appear in heaven).
  - ☑ The pagan world will mourn (wrath is coming).
  - ☑ The Lord will return, coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

- ☑ He sends His angels with a great sound of a trumpet (the seventh trumpet before the first bowl of wrath).
- ☑ They will gather (rapture) His elect (after the tribulation and before the wrath of God).
- ☑ **What should we be looking for now?**
- ☑ **Elijah comes to restore all things, before Christ's return!**
- ☑ *"And His disciples asked Him, saying, **"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"** Jesus answered and said to them, **"Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things."*** Matthew 17:10-11 NKJV
- ☑ *"And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached** in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and **then the end will come.**"* Matthew 24:14 NKJV
- ☑ *"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; **because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption** [the restoration of all things] **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**"* Romans 8:19-21 NKJV
- ☑ *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ,*

who was preached to you before, **whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:19-21 NKJV

☑ **Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.**

- ☑ The gospel of the kingdom will be preached first, then the end will come. (The end is the arrival of Elijah and a Passover; Jews set an empty seat for Elijah at Passover.)
- ☑ Creation will be delivered from the bondage of corruption (the restoration of all things) when the sons of God are revealed.
- ☑ Because Y’shua remains in heaven (won’t come again for His second coming) until the restoration of all things, which requires Elijah to come first, Elijah’s coming must certainly correspond to the revealing of the sons of God.

☑ **The restoration (revealing of son) is before Y’shua’s return.**

- ☑ **““For behold, the day is coming [second coming], Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, **all who do wickedly will be stubble** [the wrath of God]. And **the day which is coming shall burn them up,**” ...”** Malachi 4:1 NKJV
- ☑ **“Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet** [to restore all things] **Before** the coming of **the great and dreadful day of the Lord** [second coming].”** Malachi 4:5 NKJV

- ☑ *“Immediately **after the tribulation** [when it’s time for God’s wrath to come] of those days **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light**; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn** [because God’s wrath has come], and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Matthew 24:29-30 NKJV*
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### NEXT TEACHING

You Should Know Perfectly Well (I Thessalonians 5:1-12)