

“Where Do Dead Christians Go?” Lesson 2 Outline

1 Thess. 4:13-15

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Paul told the church in Thessalonica that he was going to introduce to them a new subject, a new revelation indicated in verse 15 “by the word of the Lord.”

In verse 13 Paul uses the word “asleep” because it is the unique way to speak of Christians in temporary _____.

The only part of us that goes into any state of unconsciousness at death is the _____.

For Christians this term is accurate, for it is a temporary thing.

And even the bodies of the lost will raise again, although to eternal damnation and death.

There is no such thing as _____.

While the spirit of a dead Christian goes immediately into the presence of Christ, that body is asleep.

Paul doesn’t want them to think that Christians ever say a final goodbye, because they don’t.

The lost have _____.

As we are brought to Him, we are gathered together with each other. There will be a reunion.

There are three passages in the New Testament which are the key passages in delineating the Great Gathering: John 14, 1 Corinthians 15, and 1 Thessalonians 4. And each of these teachings are given at a time of _____.

In all three cases it comes primarily as comfort. It comes as a pastoral message rather than an eschatological discourse.

In fact the Great Gathering is _____ contained in the notable eschatological passages of the New Testament, Matthew 24 - 25, and the book of Revelation.

The rapture refers to a “snatching up”.

Paul’s going to tell us four things about the Rapture: first the _____ of the Rapture.

There are three of these, the death of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, the revelation of Christ.

In order to believe in the Rapture and in order to understand the coming of Jesus to snatch away His church, you have to believe in the death of Christ.

Jesus died feeling the full fury of death in all of its dimensions as He bore in His body our sins, in order that He might turn death for us, into _____.

Other scriptures cited: John 11:12, 11; Acts 7:60, 59; 1 Cor. 11:30, 15:6, 18, 51; 2 Peter 3:4; Luke 16; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; Rom. 12:15; Eph. 2:12; 2 Thess. 2:1; John 14; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4; John 14; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Matt. 24, 25; 1 Thess. 4:17