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The Resurrection From the Dead Series #5: The Rapture Problem

I Corinthians 15:50-52; I Thessalonians 4:13-18

I. Here are the details of these passages.

- A.** Last week we talked about Paul using _____ to illustrate and compare our earthly existence with our permanent eternal existence.
- B.** Our earthly bodies must be _____ in order to inherit the Kingdom of God. V. 50
- C.** Paul reveals a mystery of a _____ change in the dead in Christ and with those who are still alive at “the last trumpet”. V. 51-52 This truth has many interpretations and has divided many local churches from each other.
 - 1.** Some believe that these passages, I Thessalonians 4:16 and Revelation 11:15, refer to the _____ event. This means that the rapture occurs right in the _____ of the 7 year tribulation.
 - 2.** Others believe that the Revelation 11 passage has nothing to do with the “last trumpet” and that the rapture will happen _____ The Great Tribulation.
- D.** The dead who died in a _____ relationship with Jesus Christ will rise first. Then we who are still alive will experience the change that we talked about last week. V. 51-52, I Thessalonians 4:15-17
- E.** We are to _____ each other with these words! V. 18

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A.** The _____ is going to happen. However, be aware of anyone who insists that they have it all figured out. These people have destroyed many churches by insisting that their view is the only way to see it. Christ will come like a thief in the night and no one knows exactly when. This doctrine should never be used as a _____ for true faith.
- B.** We can be _____ of our salvation and of the salvation of anyone who has received Jesus Christ.
- C.** This should be an extremely encouraging passage. This should fill us with _____ and a _____ that Jesus is coming back and that He will make good on His promises.
- D.** We should never _____ for the rapture but we should be busy _____ what Christ has commanded us to do. **Matthew 28:18-20**