

15 - Catching Up

- Scriptures:**
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - Philippians 3:20-21

- Focal point:**
- The Rapture of the Church

- Principal characters:**
- Christ
 - All Believers in the Body of Christ

- Primary events:**
- The Trumpet Sounding
 - The Dead in Christ Resurrected
 - The Living Saints are Changed
 - All of the Saved Receive Glorified Bodies
 - All of the Saved Stand Before the Judgment Seat of Christ

What is the rapture?

- The rapture refers to the time when the body of Christ will be _____ up together to meet Jesus in the air and live with Him for eternity.
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Who will be raptured?

- The _____ in Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Those which are _____ on the earth and in Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:17

What will happen at the rapture?

- Christ will descend from heaven with a _____.
- The Lord meets all the saints in the _____ and “*so shall we ever be with the Lord.*”

When will the rapture occur?

- The Bible teaches that the rapture is imminent. This simply means that it could happen at any _____. 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Thessalonians 3:5; Titus 2:13
 - *“So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* 1 Corinthians 1:7
 - *“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* Philippians 3:20

What will happen immediately following the rapture?

- Every Christian will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, giving _____ for how they lived their Christian lives.
 - *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”* 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - *“But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”* Romans 14:10-12

What does the rapture mean to the Christian?

- It means that death is not the _____. 1 Thessalonians 4:13
- It means we will be _____ with our saved loved ones. 1 Thessalonians 4:14
- It means we will receive a new, eternal _____. Philippians 3:20-21
- It means sin, Satan, and the world can never break our _____ with Christ again. 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- It means we will receive eternal _____ for our faithful service. 1 Corinthians 3:12-14; Colossians 3:23-24; Ephesians 6:6-8