

“The Christian’s Sure Hope”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-28 * July 26, 2020

Christ’s return gives

- _____ – “do not want you uninformed” (13)
“those who have fallen asleep” – departed Christians’ spirit is with God and body is “sleeping”
John 11:11-13
- Certainty – “by a word from the Lord” (15)
- _____ – “that you may not grieve as others” (13) and “encourage one another” (18)

Jesus is _____, 14-15

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus”

The return of Jesus is as guaranteed as death & resurrection of Jesus!!

Matthew 24:35-36 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”

Jesus will _____ bodies of saved dead, 15-16

This is the _____ resurrection – it is for the saved
(*Bema* Judgment Seat of Christ for saved – rewards)
Romans 14:10-12, 2 Cor. 5:10

There is a _____ resurrection which is for the lost
and will come after Tribulation and 1000-year reign of Christ
(Great White Throne Judgment for lost – judgment for eternal punishment)
John 5:28–29 and Revelation 20:1–6

Jesus will _____ the saved who are alive, 17

“will be caught up together”

“Rapture” comes the Latin word *raptō* means “to seize, to carry off”

Meanings of “caught up”*

“To catch away speedily”

“To seize by force”

“To claim for one's own self”

“To move to a new place”

“To rescue from danger”

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Timing of rapture?

Before the Great Tribulation = pre-tribulation

During the Great Tribulation = mid-tribulation

After the Great Tribulation = post-tribulation

Fill in the blanks: Clarity, Comfort, returning, raise, first, second, transform