

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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1. Jeremy mentioned that the Rapture was talked about in his home growing up. How about you—did you talk about the Rapture in your home? How much did the subject of the Rapture influence how you lived (remember Jeremy’s grandma and grandpa story? :-))?
2. Jesus talked about the Rapture in John 14:1-6. What was Jesus trying to do for the disciples heart by telling them about this future event—how was He trying to motivate them?
3. Jeremy gave three ways the Rapture give us hope that are in the future (the first three of the four he gave). Be honestly and put them in the order of importance to you for what you are the most looking forward to, to the least, and explain why.
4. A theological question: Is it possible that we, Christians, will undergo two transformations with our physical bodies? First read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (you can go on and read 6-10 if you want) and determine when this transformation happens. Then read Philippians 3:20-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-55 and see if you can tell when this transformation will take place.
5. The last reason why the Rapture gives us hope is that it offers us comfort today on two levels. Review those as Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4:18 and 1 Corinthians 15:58.
 - A. What is “the work of the Lord” in 1 Corinthians 15:58? How much do you “abound” and “toil” in it? Should “the work of the Lord” always be a “toil”? Why do you think Paul and Barnabas had the joy they had in Acts 13:52, when you read the context above that verse? How can we have a Galatians 5:22-23 type of heart when we do “the work of the Lord” and “toil” in it? —Hint: read the context of Galatians 5:16-26.
6. Is there anyone besides Jesus you are looking forward to seeing when you get to heaven, or when the Rapture happens (it can be someone famous too)? Explain.