

RAPTURE AHEAD
1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
1 CORINTHIANS 15: 50-54,58

1.WHAT IS THE RAPTURE? THE GATHERING OF THE SAINTS IN THE AIR WITH JESUS CHRIST THERE TO MEET US. THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST AND THEN THE LIVING AND ALL WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO ETERNAL IMMORTAL BODIES. THIS AWESOME EVENT WILL HAPPEN BEFORE THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST TO RULE THE WORLD FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN THE LAST DAYS. THE WORD RAPTURE IS NOT IN THE BIBLE BUT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT IS IN THE SCRIPTURES ABOVE.

2.(PERSONAL) HOW DOES THE RAPTURE MAKE US FEEL, ESPECIALLY IN COMPARISON TO OTHER PARTS OF OUR LIVES? IT COULD AND SHOULD EXCITE US DEEPLY KNOWING THAT OUR CREATOR AND SAVIOUR WILL PERSONALLY BRING US TO HIMSELF **IN THE AIR FOREVER.**

HALLELUJAH!!!

-IT COULD ALSO MOTIVATE US TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE UNTO GOD AND TO KEEP OUR HEARTS CLEAN KNOWING THAT CHRIST CAN COME AT ANY MOMENT ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE. FOR NO MAN KNOWS THE DAY OR HOUR WHEN CHRIST WILL COME.

-IT COULD SADDEN OUR HEARTS AT THE SAME TIME DUE TO OUR LOST LOVED ONES NOT BEING SAVED AND THE LOST IN GENERAL. THIS SHOULD MOTIVATE US TO PRAY, FAST, WITNESS, AND JUST PLAIN OL' SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO OUR LOVED ONES AND THE LOST EVEN MORE INTENSELY KNOWING THAT THE HOUR IS NEAR.

3. SHOULD A CHRISTIAN FEEL DIFFERENT FOR THE DEATH OF A SAVED LOVED ONE THAN FOR A NON-SAVED LOVED ONE? MOST ASSUREDLY YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH! FOR THE SAVED LOVED ONE WILL BE WITH OUR ETERNAL, LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER NEVER TO experience PAIN,SORROW, SICKNESS,AND DEATH. OF COURSE THEY WILL BE MISSED BECAUSE WE LOVE THEM. BUT JUST KNOWING THAT THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY WITH JESUS IS SO REASSURING AND THAT WE WILL SEE THEM AGAIN ONE DAY. NOT SO FOR THE UN-SAVED LOVED ONE. FOR IF WE STAY SAVED IN JESUS WE WILL **NOT** SEE THEM IN HEAVEN DUE TO THEM NOT BELIEVING IN JESUS. A VERY PAINFUL REALITY BUT TRUE NONTHELESS.WHICH IS

WHY WE MUST TAKE GOD'S WORD DEAD SERIOUSLY AND GET THE WORD OUT AND SHOW GOD'S LOVE THE BEST WE CAN. AND MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, EVEN WHEN WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY RECEIVED CHRIST OR NOT, THERE IS ALWAYS THAT CHANCE THE UN-LOVED ONE COULD HAVE CALLED OUT TO GOD BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE. THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE THANK GOD!

4. IF GOD TOLD YOU WHEN CHRIST WOULD COME BACK, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY? MORE OF A PERSONAL QUESTION AGAIN BUT WE COULD REPENT BEFORE OUR GOD FOR STARTERS BECAUSE OUR GOD IS A HOLY GOD AND HE WANTS US CLEAN BEFORE HIS MAGNIFICENT PRESENCE.

- WE MIGHT NEXT PREACH THE GOSPEL WITH RECKLESS ABANDON WITH NO HOLDS BARRED BECAUSE IT JUST GOT MORE DESPERATE FOR THE LOST. EVEN OUR LOST LOVED ONES. LORD HAVE MERCY.

-MAYBE MAKE AMENDS WITH SOMEONE WE HURT OR WHO HURT US OR WHATEVER. EVEN IF IT IS WITH ANOTHER SAINT. JUST DON'T WASTE TOO MUCH TIME BECAUSE YOU'LL BE IN HEAVEN FOR ALL OF THAT.

-THERE COULD BE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO DO. HOPEFULLY IT WOULD BE USED TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

5. HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO LIVE IN THESE LAST DAYS PRIOR TO THE RAPTURE? IN 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58, GOD COMMANDS US TO BE STEADFAST AND IMMOVABLE. IN OTHER WORDS TO KEEP ON BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED AND RESURRECTED. TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE TO THE UTMOST AND NOT WAVERING TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT WITH ANY DOCTRINE OF DEVILS. ALSO TO KEEP WORKING FOR THE LORD IN WHATEVER HE HAS US DOING FOR HIM. NO TASK, WORK, OR MINISTRY IS IN VAIN TO GOD. HE VALUES EVERYTHING THAT WE DO FOR HIM. JUST AS LONG AS IT GLORIFIES HIS NAME AND ADVANCES HIS KINGDOM. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE THINK IF WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR GOD IS MAKING ANY DIFFERENCE OR IF WE ARE ACTUALLY IN THE WILL OF GOD. IF OUR HEARTS ARE CLEAN AND WE JUST WANT TO SERVE GOD THE BEST WE CAN WITHOUT TRYING TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, GOD WILL HONOR IT IF IT IS ACCORDING TO HIS WORD AND WILL. SO KEEP SERVING THE ONE TRUE LIVING GOD TO THE UTMOST. OUR REWARD WILL MEET US IN HEAVEN. **JESUS CHRIST IS OUR REWARD. AMEN AND AMEN FOREVER AND AMEN!**

6. (PERSONAL)HAVE WE ACTUALLY CHANGED ANY PART OF OUR LIVES DUE TO THIS BIBLE STUDY SINCE IT IS A LIFE APPLICATION? ANY

ANSWER WOULD DO. BUT SINCE I AM THE BIBLE STUDY TEACHER WHO IS BLESSED TO DO THIS FOR MY GOD, I'LL GIVE MY OWN PERSONAL ANSWER. IT HELPS TO RE-EVALUATE MY LIFE, TO KNOW WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME WHICH IS WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO GOD NO DOUBT. TO LIVE A HOLIER LIFE, TO GET AS CLOSE TO MY GOD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT LETTING ANYTHING INTERFERE WITH THAT WHAT SO EVER. JESUS IS ETERNALLY WORTH THE COST. TO SHAPE UP AREAS IN MY LIFE THAT I KNOW GOD IS NOT PLEASED WITH AND TO DO IT FOR HIM FIRST AND FOREMOST. TO REACH THE LOST MORE DESPERATELY. TO KEEP MY MIND ON HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS NO MATTER WHAT. TO BE QUITE HONEST, I HAVE DONE ALL OF THIS BUT THERE IS STILL A LOT MORE TO GO, A LOT MORE TO DO FOR CHRIST, MANY MORE SOULS TO SAVE AND WITNESS TO. AND IT'S ALL WORTH IT. I DON'T WANT TO BE ASHAMED WHEN I LOOK AT THE POWER, BEAUTY, AND LOVE OF MY SAVIOR. I WANT TO BE **FULL SPENT** WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MEET MY GOD.

7. (PERSONAL) IF THE RAPTURE ACTUALLY happened NOW, WOULD THERE BE ANY REGRETS? AGAIN, ANY ANSWER WOULD DO BUT I WILL GIVE MY OWN PERSONAL ANSWER. OF COURSE I HAVE REGRETS, WE ALL DO. SOME MORE PAINFUL THAN OTHERS. BUT THAT IS THE PAST AND GOD WANTS US TO LIVE FOR NOW AND ETERNITY TO COME. BUT IF THE RAPTURE happened NOW I SUPPOSE THERE WOULD BE A FEW REGRETS. SPENDING MORE TIME WITH MY FAMILY SHOWING THEM THE LOVE OF CHRIST AS WELL AS TELLING THEM ABOUT HIM. SPREADING THE GOSPEL MORE. A WHOLE LOT MORE. IT REALLY MEANS THAT MUCH TO ME. IT SOMETHING THAT GOD HAS PUT INSIDE ME FOR A LONG TIME AND I DID NOT ATTACK IT THE WAY I SHOULD HAVE UNTIL A TRAGEDY HIT ME A WHILE BACK. NOW IT'S BASICALLY ALL I THINK ABOUT THANK YOU JESUS. THERE ARE OTHERS BUT THOSE ARE EVEN MORE PERSONAL. LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE BORN INTO THIS WORLD I JUST DON'T WANT ANY MORE REGRETS. MY LIFE IS FULLY THE LORDS. **PERIOD!!!**

I HOPE THIS BIBLE STUDY HAS HELPED YOU. GOD IS AWESOME AND IS GREATLY TO BE PRAISED AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HIS GLORIOUS FACE UPON MY EYES. THE GIVER OF LIFE, HOPE, PERFECT LOVE, PEACE, MENDER OF HEARTS AS WELL AS BODIES, TENDER MERCIES. HE IS THE GOD OF JUDGEMENT BUT A GOD OF GRACE AS WELL THE WORD OF GOD IS REAL AND IS TRIED AND TESTED AND **NEVER** FAILS. JESUS LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE AND WANTS

YOU TO CALL OUT TO HIM. ALL I SAID WAS “ I NEED YOU” AND GOD WAS THERE. DON'T WAIT! GOD SAYS TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION FOR TOMORROW IS PROMISED TO NO MAN. THESE **ARE** THE LAST DAYS MY NEIGHBOR. JESUS IS KNOCKING ON YOUR HEART. AMEN AND AMEN.