

Major Event: Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Lesson 1: Immanency of the Rapture

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians. 4:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Romans 5:9, Titus 2:13

Central Text: 1 Thess. 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

- The Immanency of our Lord's return for the translation of His church age saints.
- The church is instructed to encourage one another on the basis of the imminent return of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13ff).
- The church is to look for the blessed hope of the appearing of Christ (Titus 2:13). The church is not destined for wrath (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Rom. 5:9).

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

Of God Omniscience: God, knowing all things, has revealed His plan for the outworking of history in His Word

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: 1 Thessalonians. 4:13-18

Notes: The Doctrine of Immanency demands a pre-tribulation rapture. The Church is instructed to look for the coming of Christ to meet us in the air- not to look for the very definite signs of the Great Tribulation. The exhortation to look for Christ's appearing as comfort loses significance if the church must endure the Tribulation.