



# The Rapture

1Thess. 4:13-18

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**The Main Point:** Christians should be encouraged by knowing that those who have died in Christ share the same hope as those living in Christ.

**Knowledge of the *Parousia***

- Knowledge for the sake of hopeful grief
  - Like Christ, like Christians—the certainty of resurrection
  - The “word of the Lord”
    - The dead in Christ will not be disadvantaged

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- Return
  - A cry, a voice, a trumpet sound
- Resurrection
- “Rapture” (Gr. *harpazo*; Lat. *rapio*)
- Reunion
- Be encouraged

### **Grieving and Comforting with Hope**

- Our losses are real; the promises of God are true