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## “The Rapture!”

I Thessalonians 4:13- 5:11; Various Passages

### Inquiring Minds Want to Know:

1. **What is it?** The coming of Christ for His church
2. **When is it?** Before the Great Tribulation on earth
3. **Who is it for?** For those who are believers in Jesus Christ
4. **Why?** The rescue them from the wrath of God

### Two Phases of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming:

1. In the air to gather his church
2. On the ground to judge the earth

### Evidence of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture:

1. It preserves the imminent return of Christ
2. It maintains the promise of being delivered from the wrath of God
3. The church is absent in Revelation 4-18 (Tribulation)
4. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb takes place prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

### So What?

1. Live in the Light! (5:5)
2. Wake up! (5:6)
3. Build up! (5:11)