

# WHY SHOULD A SINNER BE SAVED TODAY

## THE SUDDENNESS OF THE RAPTURE

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

- I. **Introduction**
  - A. The Last Days – Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3:1-4
- II. **The Meaning of the Rapture**
  - A. Latin verb rapere, which means “to transport from one place to another.”
  - B. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
  - C. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
- III. **The Moment of the Rapture**
  - A. Many False Date Setters
    - 1. For a list see - <http://www.raptureready.com/rr-date-setters.html>
  - B. We do not know the exact date
    - 1. Matthew 24:36; Matthew 24:42
  - C. It will be Before the Tribulation
    - 1. 1 Thessalonians 5:9
    - 2. Enoch – called out before flood
    - 3. Lot – called out before the fire
    - 4. Israel called out before judgment on Egypt
    - 5. Revelation 4:1-3
  - D. It will be Soon
    - 1. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5; Revelation 22:7,12,20; James 5:7;
    - 2. One day is as a thousand years - 2 Peter 3:8
- IV. **The Missing of the Rapture**
  - A. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
  - B. Rapture of the Church
  - C. Revelation of the Antichrist
  - D. Return of Christ
    - 1. God will send a ‘strong delusion’ and you will believe a lie and will not be saved
- V. **The Motivation of the Rapture**
  - A. It should affect our **Actions**
    - 1. To Attend Church - Hebrews 10:25
    - 2. To Keep the Lord’s Supper – 1 Corinthians 11:26
    - 3. To Live a Separated Life -1John 3:1-3; Titus 2:11-14
    - 4. To Preach the Word – 2 Timothy 4:1-2
  - B. It should affect our **Affections**
    - 1. To Be Heavenly Minded - Colossians 3:1-4
    - 2. To Be Mindful of Souls - Jude 1:21-23
  - C. It should affect our **Attitude**
    - 1. To Refrain from Judging – 1 Corinthians 4:5
    - 2. To Comfort the Bereaved - 1Th 4:18