

Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:

Do not be ignorant, Brethren, concerning them that fall asleep	Who are those sleeping?	Christians that die in Jesus
That you sorrow not	Should we be sorry for them?	NO! They are already with Christ!
Even as those that have no hope	What does the term “no hope” mean?	-Eternal Life -Salvation through Christ; Non Christians <i>We are not to worry about them— God will take care of them.</i>
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so also them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him	Who are those that “sleep in Jesus”? Who is God bringing with Him?	True Believers that died before the Rapture: 2 Corinthians 5:8
For this we say unto the Word of the Lord that we that are alive that are left unto the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede them that are asleep.	Who is Paul talking about “that are alive”? Who is first those that are dead or those that are alive?	Christians alive at the time of His coming. Equally meeting the Lord in the air at the same time.
For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout with the voice of the Archangel, with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first.	If the “dead” in Christ are already with the Lord what is Paul talking about here?	-the body 1Corinthians 3:16,17
Then we that are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Comfort one another with these words	Is there a group of people that will not see death? There are those that never experience death! Even though a Christian dies, he shall live again; but if you are a living Christian when Jesus returns, that Christian will not experience death!	Yes: John 11:25,26 Jesus said unto her, <i>I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:</i> John 11:26 <i>And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?</i>
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3	What is “falling away”? Who is the “man of sin”? and “son of perdition”?	Another term for Rapture. John 17:12 <i>While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.</i>
1 Corinthians 15:51-53 Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.	Who is changed?	All Christians: Philippians 3:20,21; Psalm 17:15
For this corruptible must put on incorruption	What is the corruptible? What is the incorruptible?	-dead bodies -glorified bodies 1 John 3:2
And this mortal must put on immortality	Who are the mortal?	-those alive on earth

2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:6

1 Corinthians 15:51-58