

## **The Rapture** The Living Generation

### **I.** Review:

1. Jesus leaves the Father's Throne.
2. He brings the souls and spirits of New Testament saints with Him (1 Thes. 4:14).
3. This is selective: "those that sleep through Jesus."
4. The Lord will issue an order and the dead in Christ will rise "firstly" (1 Thes. 4:16).
5. The first trump of God announces the resurrection of the bodies that sleep (1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52).
6. This is the first type of resurrection— "out from among dead ones" (1 Cor. 15:20; Rom. 6:5-9; Rev. 20. 4-6).
7. The Archangel will tell Satan to let the resurrected bodies come through his domain (1 Thes. 4:16).

### **II.** The "we" of 1 Thessalonians 4:14,15,17 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

1. The "we" are those who when He comes are believing that Jesus he died and He rose (1 Thes. 4:14 *cf.* Acts 2:32, 34-35).
2. The "we" are the living believers at His coming (1 Thes. 4:15).
3. "We", the living generation, will not obtain a glorified body before the bodies that slept are glorified (1 Thes. 4:15).
4. The dead bodies rise "firstly" (1Thes. 4:16).

### **III.** "We", the living generation, are changed next, announced by the "final" trump (1 Cor. 15:52).

1. "We", the living generation, bodies will not die (1 Cor. 15:51).
2. "We", the living generation, will have their bodies changed very rapidly (1 Cor. 15:52).
  - 1) In an atom of time—indivisible.
  - 2) In the twinkling of an eye.
3. "We", the living generation, will join those who had slept in clouds of believers that are going up to meet Him in the air (1 Thes. 4:17 *cf.* Heb. 12:1; 1 Jn. 3:2).
  - 1) No New Testament saint "see" Christ before the rest.
  - 2) There is equality in church saints' inheritance.