

THE CHRISTIAN'S COMFORT: THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH!

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

A. Exhortations about the BLESSED HOPE (4:13-18)

1. The CONTENT of these INSTRUCTIONS (4:16-17)

- a. The manner of the Parousia is majestic and kingly as accompanied with a _____ of command, a _____ of an archangel, and the _____ of God. (v. 16a)

- b. The resurrection of the Church-age believers at the Parousia guarantees that "*the dead _____ will rise _____*". (v. 16b)

- c. The Rapture of Church-age believers at the Parousia guarantees that "*we who are _____ and _____ shall be _____ together with them.*" (v. 17a)

- d. The location of this reunion will be... "*in the _____ to meet the Lord in the _____*." (v. 17b)

2. The APPLICATION of these INSTRUCTIONS (4:18)

- a. The *recipients* of this application are _____ believers as need requires and opportunity affords.

- b. The *command* of this application is to "_____ one another with these words."

“BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMES!”

(John 14:1-3)

B. THE JEWISH MARRIAGE ANALOGY (John 14:1-3)

1. The Preliminary Arrangements to Legal Betrothal (*Shiddukhin*)

2. The Marriage Contract (*Ketubah*)

3. The Purchase Price for the Bride (*Mohar*)

4. A Bridal Gift (*Matan*)

5. A Period of Separation (*Eyrusin*)

6. The Coming of the Bridegroom

7. The Bridal Chamber (*Huppah*)

8. The Marriage Supper

* How does this personally apply to you?