

### III. THE RAPTURE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ (5:4-11)

The seriousness of the rapture can be seen in that twice we are told to treat it soberly (5:6, 8) and this calls upon us to be:

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_

*“1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

*4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*

*5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?*

*6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

John 14:1-6

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_

*“28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

*29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

*2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

*3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”* I John 2:28-29, 3:2-3

**CONCLUSION:** We should not waste our time trying to guess the time, but be ready all the time because Jesus can come back anytime.

## CURIOUS

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#### INTRODUCTION

A. Are you curious about the things that are happening in our culture and world today?

*“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.”*  
II Thessalonians 2:2

B. In this series, we will respond to some of the top ten questions and concerns in our society today. They are...

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C. **TEXT:** I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 (Pew Bible/Page 209/Old Testament)

## CURIOUS ABOUT END TIMES

### I. THE RAPTURE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13-18)

The supernatural nature of the rapture includes five fundamental aspects.

A. \_\_\_\_\_: We Have God's Truth (4:13, 15a)

B. \_\_\_\_\_: There Will Be A Meeting In The Air (4:14-15)

C. \_\_\_\_\_: The Christian Dead Will Rise (4:16)

D. \_\_\_\_\_: Living Believers Will Be Caught Up (4:17a)

E. \_\_\_\_\_: Christians Will Forever Be With The Lord (4:17b-18)

### II. THE RAPTURE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-3)

A. God is the only one who knows \_\_\_\_\_ the rapture will take place (5:1).

*"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."*

Matthew 24:36

*"6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"*

*7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

*8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

*9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."*

Acts 1:6-9

B. It will come like "a \_\_\_\_\_ in the night" (5:2-3)

*"51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

*52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

*53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."*

I Corinthians 15:51-53

See II Timothy 3:1-7