

# **“Glorious Day”**

## **Christ’s Return: Part 2**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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We can all be encouraged by understanding the “puzzle pieces” of the end times from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

1. **The big picture.**

2. **The rapture.**

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:16- Christ will come for us.
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:16- There will be a loud announcement of the rapture.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 4:16- The dead in Christ will rise first.
- D. 1 Thessalonians 4:17- We who are still alive will rise second.
- E. 1 Thessalonians 4:17- We will all meet in the air.
- F. 1 Thessalonians 4:17- We will be with the Lord forever!

3. **Our eternal home.**

“Christians often talk about living with God “in heaven” forever,’ writes theologian Wayne Grudem. ‘But in fact the biblical teaching is richer than that: it tells us that there will be new heavens and a new earth—an entirely renewed creation—and we will live with God there....There will also be a new kind of unification of heaven and earth....There will be a joining of heaven and earth in this new creation.’”

Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Wheaton, IL, 2004, page 42.