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SERMON NOTES

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**ESCHATOLOGY 101:
THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE**

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

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BIG IDEA: No believer will be disappointed when Christ returns and the Church is with Him in glory.

WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

The Rapture is the time in which believers will meet the Lord upon His return. It is derived from the Latin *rapio* which means to “carry away, seize, or snatch.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

POST TRIBULATION RAPTURE

This view sees the rapture as occurring simultaneous to the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54)

There will be one general resurrection at Christ’s return. (Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:28-29)

PRE TRIBULATION RAPTURE

This view maintains that the rapture occurs when Jesus comes secretly to gather the church prior to a seven year Tribulation that precedes the return of Christ to earth.

God has not destined the church for wrath. (1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3:10)

MID TRIBULATION AND PRE WRATH RAPTURE

Mid Trib locates the rapture after the first three-and-half years at the point when the Antichrist assumes power.

Pre Wrath rapture will occur toward the end of the tribulation before the outpouring of God’s wrath with the bowl judgments. (Revelation 16)