

ORDER OF RAPTURE

(Pre-tribulational, Pre-millennial view)

1. **THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND**

- from His Father's house, where He is preparing a place for us (John 14:1-3 and 1 Thess. 4:16)

2. **HE IS COMING TO RECEIVE US TO HIMSELF**

- John 14:1-3

3. **HE RESURRECTS BELIEVERS WHO HAVE DIED**

- 1 Thess.4:14-15

4. **THE LORD SHOUTS AS HE DESCENDS**

- With a "loud command" (1 Thess.4:16)

5. **WE WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL**

- 1 Thess. 4:16

6. **WE WILL HEAR THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD**

- 1 Thess. 4:16
- His last trumpet *for the Church* (1 Cor 15:52), *NOT the 7th trumpet of Rev 11:15*

7. **THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST.**

- The corruptible ashes of their dead bodies are made incorruptible and joined together with their spirit, which Jesus brings with Him (1 Thess.4:16-17)

8. **LIVING BELIEVERS SHALL BE CHANGED**

- made incorruptible / our bodies made "immortal"
- 1 Cor. 15:51,53 - "...in the twinkling of an eye" (v52)

9. **THEN WE SHALL BE CAUGHT UP [RAPTURED] TOGETHER WITH THEM**

- in the clouds
- To meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess.4:17)

10. **TO "RECEIVE YOU TO MYSELF"**

- Jesus takes us to the Father's house "that where I am, you may be also" (John 14:3)

11. **"THUS WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD"**

- 1 Thess.4:17