

The Rapture of the Church

1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10 calls the rapture, ‘a rescue’:

“For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.”

Romans 5:9 tells us that this rapture accomplishes our being *saved*, in the temporal sense, rather than the eternal sense:

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

COMMON FACTOR

COMMON FACTORS OF RAPTURE PASSAGES BASED ON PAGES 27 & 28 OF "WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS", BY ICE & DEMY, CHAPTER BY DR. MAL COUCH

Passage:	Resurrection	Hope & Comfort	The Change	A Return to Heaven	Taken Directly by the Lord Himself, or Intimately Facing Christ at His Coming	Living Godly Because He is Coming	The Pronouns We, You & Us as a Proof that the Rapture Could Have Happened in Paul's Own Generation	Use of the Technical Term Parousia to Describe the Rapture	Other Expressions Used for the Coming	Being Taken to the Father	Those in Christ or Allusions to the Church
John 14:1-3		X		X	X		X		X	X	
1 Corinthians 15:23-24	X	X						X			X
1 Corinthians 15:51-52	X	X	X				X				X
Philippians 3:20-21		X	X	X	X		X				
1 Thessalonians 1:9b-10		X		X	X		X				
1 Thessalonians 2:17-19		X			X		X	X			X
1 Thessalonians 3:13				X			X	X		X	
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24						X	X	X	X		
2 Thessalonians 2:1-2		X		X	X		X	X	X		X
1 Timothy 6:14						X	X				
Titus 2:12-14		X			X	X	X		X	X	X
James 5:7-9		X			X	X	X	X	X		
1 John 2:28		X			X	X	X	X	X		
1 John 3:2-3		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		

+ To these should be added Hebrews 9:28 & 1 Peter 5:4`