## **Doctrinal Studies**

## THE CHURCH GOES TO HEAVEN (Part II)

- I. The Lord is preparing a place for his children and will descend from the Father's house (<u>John</u> <u>14:1-3</u>; <u>I Thess. 4:16</u>).
- II. At the Rapture Jesus Christ will take us to Himself (<u>John 14:3</u>).
- III. The bodies of the believers who have passed away will be resurrected at the time of the departure of living believers (I Thess. 4:14,15).
- IV. The Lord descends with a loud command, suddenly, to receive His own (<u>I Cor. 15:52</u>; <u>I Thess. 4:16</u>).
- V. Believers will hear the voice of the archangel (<u>I Thess. 4:16</u>).
- VI. The last trumpet of God for the Church will be heard. This is not the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet of judgment upon the world as described in <a href="Rev. 11:15">Rev. 11:15</a>.
- VII. The corruptible ashes of the dead bodies of those who died in the Lord will be made incorruptible and joined together with their spirits (<u>I Thess. 4:16,17</u>).
- VIII. The remaining believers will be changed, made incorruptible (<u>I Cor. 15:51,53</u>).
- IX. All believers will be caught up (raptured) together (<u>I Thess. 4:17</u>).
- X. The living and dead believers will be caught up in the clouds to have a great reunion ( $\underline{I}$  Thess. 4:17).
- XI. This meeting will be in the air (<u>I Thess. 4:17</u>).
- XII. The Father will then take the believers to the Father's house ("that where I am, there shall you be also" –John 14:1).
- XIII. Always to be with the Lord, according to <u>I Thess. 4:17</u>.
- XIV. The Lord will then evaluate believers revealed in Rom. 14:10, 2 Cor. 5:10 and described in detail in I Cor. 3:11-15.
- XV. Christ will meet His bride, the church and the marriage supper will take place known as the marriage of the Lamb. When the Church is raptured the world will suffer God's wrath called "the tribulation" (Matt. 24:21). (More Info on the Rapture)