The Second Coming and “The Rapture”
1 Thess. 4:13-18

Introduction:
A. “Rapture” bumper stickers.
B. “Rapture” in excitement.

Discussion:

I. **Jesus Is Coming Again.**
   A. Subject of early speculation.
      1. Thessalonians thought it was at hand (2 Thess. 2:1-4).
      2. Scoffers questioned it (2 Pet 3:3-10).
   B. Subject plainly taught.
      1. Jesus gave his word (John 14:1-3).
      2. Angels gave their word (Acts 1:10-11).
      3. Apostles gave their word (1 Cor. 1:7; 2 Pet. 3)

II. **Jesus’ Coming and “The Rapture,” “The Great Tribulation,” and “The Millennium.”**
   A. 1 Thess 4:13-18 and “The Rapture.”
   B. Matt. 24:1-35 and “The Great Tribulation”
   C. Rev. 20:1-10 and “The Millennium” – Note that this passage does not mention:
      1. The Second Coming.
      2. A bodily resurrection
      3. A reign of Christ on earth.
      4. The literal throne of David.
      5. Jerusalem
      7. The church on earth.

III. **Jesus’ is coming to:**
   A. Raise all the dead (John 5:28,29).
   B. Destroy the world (2 Pet. 3:10).
   C. Judge the world (Acts 17:30; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
   D. Deliver up - set up his kingdom (1 Cor. 15:24).

Conclusion:
A. “Are you ready for that day?”