



# I / II THESSALONIANS

A LOOK BACK: LEARNING MEANS CHANGE



**2Cor. 8:1-5** We want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches in Macedonia. **2** They have been severely tested by persecution, ***but their JOY was so great, that they were extremely generous in their GIVING, even though they are very poor ...***

## **The Present Struggle 1:9-10**

Faith —> Repentance —> Commitment —> Expectation.

***The FULL scope of the Christian life***

**1Th. 1:10** ... to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who **delivers us from (out of) the wrath to come.**

**1Th. 5:9** For God **has not destined us for wrath,** but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

**1Th. 4:17** ... 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.  
**4:18** Therefore ***comfort one another*** with these words.

**This is the will of God, your **Sanctification****

**That you **ABSTAIN** “get rid of”**

**That you **KNOW** “learn”**

**That you **CONTROL** “your own body (*imagination, will*)”**

**IN “ongoing” **holiness** (sanctification)**

**and **honor** (value your body)**

**NOT IN **lust** (“*I want that...*”) of **passion****

## 5:16-18 God's Will

### *More Exhortation ...*

1Th. 5:16 **Rejoice** always;

1Th. 5:17 **Pray** without ceasing;

1Th. 5:18 **Give thanks** in everything;

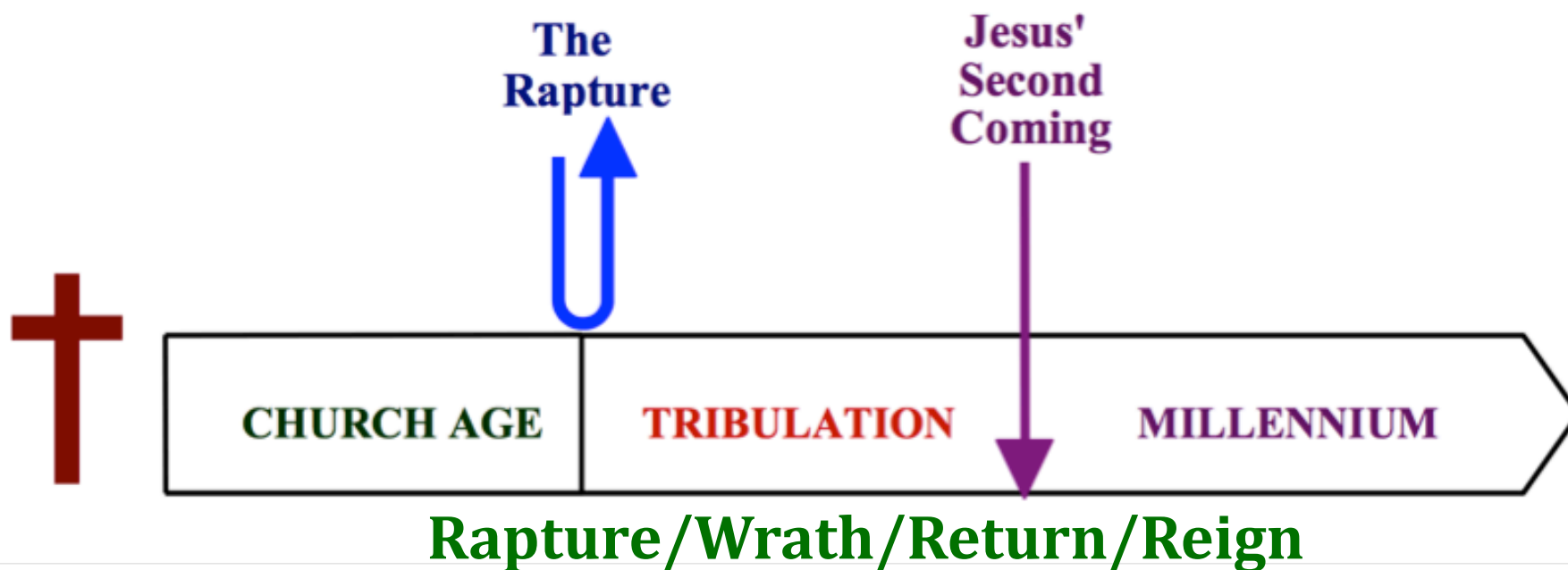
for this is *God's Will* for you in Christ Jesus.

1Th. 4:3 For this is the will of God,  
your sanctification—that is,  
*that you abstain from sexual immorality*

# The Rapture

## *“The Snatching Away”*

### THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE





**1 Thessalonians “Comfort”**  
**2 Thessalonians “Correction”**

- Chapter 1**     *About the Purpose of Persecution*  
**Chapter 2**     *About the Certainty of Coming Events*  
**Chapter 3**     *About Working Until Jesus Returns For Us*

## **1:5-10 Pay Day is Coming For Everyone**

2Th. 1:5 This (*endurance under persecution*) is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

### **Evidence for a Verdict**

*You ARE Worthy!*

**ΚΑΤΑΞΙΩ** “*Exceedingly Fit, Worthy!*”

**2Th 2:13** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God has chosen you** from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth**

*“in Spirit-filled sanctification and true faith”*

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**WHAT IS “HELL”?**