Beam Me Up!!
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction

I Paul’s Desire For The Church
A. He does not want them to be ______ : - Col 1:9-12; 2 Pt 3:18
   1. About those who fall asleep - Heb 9:27
B. He does not want them to ______ : - Job 19:25-27
   1. Like the rest of men who have no hope - Jn 11:35

II Paul’s Doctrine For The Church
A. We believe that Jesus died and ___ again - 1 Cor 15:12-20
B. We believe that God will _____ with Jesus:
   1. Those who have fallen asleep in Him - 2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:23
C. We believe that those who have fallen asleep will not be ______ by:
   1. Those who are still alive - 2 Pt 3:3-4, 8-9; 1Cor 15:21-23
   2. Those who are left till the ______ of the Lord

III Paul’s Eschatology For The Church
A. The Lord Himself will come down from heaven: - Acts 1:11
   1. With a _____ command - Jn 5:25-29; 11:38-44
   2. With the _____ of the archangel - Dan 12:1; Heb 1:14
   3. With the ______ call of God - 1 Cor 15:50-54
B. The ____ in Christ will rise first - Eph 1:13-14
C. After that, we who are still _____ and are left:
   1. Will be ________ together with them in the clouds - Gen 5:24; 2 Ki 2:11-12; Acts 8:36-40; 2 Cor 12:2-4
   2. We will ____ the Lord in the air - Eph 2:2; 6:12
   3. We will be with the Lord ______ - 1Thss 5:10; Jn 14:1-3

The chronological order of the resurrections:
1. The resurrection of the New Testament saints (dead/living) prior to the Great Tribulation (Jn 14:3; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:50-53).
2. The resurrection of the Tribulation martyrs who will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years following the 7-year Tribulation (Rev 20:4-6).
4. The resurrection of the unbelieving dead who will then be judged at the Great White Throne judgment and cast into the lake of fire (Dan 12:2b; John 5:29b; Rev 20:11-15).

PERSONAL APPLICATION
A suggested response to the imminent return of Christ:
1. Make sure you are included in Christ! - Eph 1:13-14
2. Remember, you are citizens of a better kingdom! - Phil 3:20-21
3. Keep yourselves pure! You are the Bride of Christ!! - 1 Jn 3:3
4. Let the anticipation of Christ’s return inspire you to go BIG:
      1. Love God with all you heart, mind, soul and strength
      2. Love others as yourself (you really love yourself a lot!!)
   b. Serve God, His church and others with a glad heart!
   c. Don’t sweat the small stuff (BTW, it’s all small stuff!)
5. Obey the Great Commission and live the Epic Life!
   a. Share the gospel: Phil 1:6
   b. Make disciples: Matt 28:19-20; 2 Tim 2:2