***The Rapture – Sermon Kit 301-1***

Jesus is coming! On the night Jesus announced His soon departure, He also told His disciples He was coming back. When He returned, He promised to take them with Him to a home He was preparing for them. He would eventually establish His eternal Kingdom on the New Earth. The yearning of the disciples’ prayer – “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven” – would finally happen.

Sermon Kit 301 explores and explains the Bible’s teaching on the prophetic events culminating in the establishment of God’s eternal Kingdom. It also gives application from these future events for today’s disciples. This section (**301-1**) of the kit covers the **Rapture** – the return of Jesus to take His disciples home with Him to Heaven.

The teaching in this section includes the following:

1. General principles for interpreting Bible prophecy
2. The teaching of prophecy – judgment is coming
3. The teaching of prophecy – Jesus is coming
4. The three different interpretations for the sequence of the Rapture in relation to the Tribulation
5. An explanation of 1 Thess. 4:13-18 and 1 Cor. 15:51-53
6. Proper present responses to the future coming of Jesus

The Bible does not desire to scare us but to prepare us for coming events. There is no hope for our world (the world system), but there is hope for the people who inhabit it. As the end approaches, Jesus wants us to give hope to dying people.

There are multiple parts to this sermon kit.

1. Introduction page – explains what is in the kit.
2. Sermon notes – a resource for the people to use as they take notes
3. Sermon outline – a resource for the pastor to use
4. Teaching sample – sermon text ideas
5. PowerPoint – graphics for media application
6. Promotional helps – several resources to help promote the message
7. Rapture – Pre or Post (extra study material giving resources supporting a pre-Tribulation Rapture)

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