THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
PART 1: FOUR ALTERNATIVES TO THE PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW
(1 Thessalonians 5:15-16)

I. The _____-Tribulation Rapture View

A. Proposition: The Rapture and Christ's return to establish His kingdom are parts of the _____

B. Essential Arguments

1. Historical argument: Pre-Tribulationism is "_____"
2. Argument against imminency: watch for _____
3. The promise of _____ (John 16:33; Romans 5:3; 12:12)
4. The _____ fulfillment of Daniel 9:24-27
5. The argument from _____
6. The argument from parable of _____ and _____

II. The _____-Tribulation Rapture View

A. Proposition: The Rapture will occur at the end of the first 3 ½ years of Daniel's 70th Week, at the sounding of the "_____" and the catching up of the _____ (Rev. 11)

B. Essential Arguments

1. Arguments against imminency and promise of tribulation—see 2 & 3 above
2. Denial of the Church as a _____with a program distinct from that of _____
3. Places Revelation's _____ and _____ in the first half and the _____ in the second
4. The _____ of the two witnesses is symbolic of the _____
5. Denies that the seals and trumpets constitute _____
6. Insists that "Last Trumpet" always refers to the _____

III. The _____ Rapture View (Marvin Rosenthal, 1990)

A. Proposition: The Rapture will occur just prior to the Day of the Lord in which God will _____ on the earth

B. Essentially a Mid-Trib view with a modified _____

IV. The _____ Rapture View

A. Proposition: The Rapture will include _____ those believers who are _____ and _____ for Christ's appearing, or who have achieved a certain level of _____, evidenced by _____ in a _____ church

B. Key Scriptures used for support

1. Luke 21:36—Actually applies to _____ in the _____
2. Matthew 24:41-42—As above: one taken to _____, the other left to _____
3. Also 1 Corinthians 15:23; Philippians 3:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:8; and Hebrews 9:28

C. _____ difficulties

1. Misrepresents the _____ of Christ's _____
   a. As our Propitiation, He _____ God's wrath
   b. As our Reconciliation, He established _____ with God
   c. As our Redemption, He purchased us as God's _____
2. Denies the _____ of the _____ of Christ
3. Denies the _____ resurrection of believers at the _____
4. Confuses Scriptural teaching on _____
5. Confuses the distinction between _____ and _____
6. Denies the distinction between _____ and the _____
7. Places _____ of the _____ in the period of _____