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the same thing. I don't see that the passage decides one way or the other. It would seem, though, very likely in the passage that the three are very closely related, whether they are one thing or three things but the passage doesn't go into details, though it does indicate that this is a tremendous event in the Lord's economy, is a tremendous event, it's an event which now the time has come. Here it is, and as He begins His progress toward this earth from the place where His body now is that the dead in Christ first rise and then we which are alive and they which have been raised from the dead are together caught up into the air and it would not suggest there was any time element in between the rising from the dead and the catching up of all but they don't have to wait; they don't have to come even a fraction of a second behind the living; they are both caught up together, but the rising of them has to take place first. Yes, Mr.---? Yes. The rising up to heaven, there is no precedence. The living/precede the dead; the dead don't precede the living, but the resurrection of the dead occurs before any living are raised. The living aren't even a fraction of a second ahead of the dead in being raised to heaven because the dead have been raised from the dead before any are lifted to heaven. That would seem to be what , and he is saying, "You won't precede the dead." They all meet Christ together. There is no precedence. There is not advantage to the dead; there is not advantage to the living, but there is an equality of entering into the presence of Christ. He says He will descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel. Well, now would His shout be what the voice of the dead would hear, the voice of the Lord? Would the voice of the archangel be something that accompanied it? Or does it mean that His voice is like the voice of an archangel? (Student) Let's go over that just for a second. It's a very interesting point. / The hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live. What does it